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Editorials

- (1) We Need Farm Exports.

 BISMARCK TRIBUNE. R. 3/21. * * * American farmers are more interested in foreign trade than is any other class of citizens. (20150*)
- Georgia's Tariff Wall.

 MEMPHIS, TENN. PRESS-SCIMITAR. I. 3/19. * * * Georgia has raised a tariff
 wall against other states. * * * There should be a spirit of free trade between all
 the states both regarding produce and jobs (729972)
- BISMARCK, N. D. TRIBUNE. R. 3/15. * * * The danger now is that consumer pressure will force withdrawal of all effective kinds of farm aid. There is further danger in the possibility that many farmers will be tempted to agree with this stand. (728756)
- (4) Future Farm Program.
 SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 3/16. *** It is possible, we believe, to design a program in which all will co-operate voluntarily. (728758)
- (5) Farmers Are Generally Self-Helpful.
 BLOOMINGTON, ILL. DAILY PANTAGRAPH. I. 3/27. * * * Today several millions
 of farmers are banded together in associations, handling dairy products, cotton,
 walnuts, wheat and other goods. The co-ops are controlled by the farmers they
 reflect farm sentiment and farm ambitions. They represent real private initiative
 through collective action that doesn't ask for favors, that doesn't depend for
 existence on government, and that gets results. (20159*)
- (6) Ending the Processing Taxes.

 NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/16. * * * During an emergency period,

 Senator George's suggestion that the subsidy to growers of agricultural staples
 be paid out of the works relief fund, rather than through the continued imposition
 of processing taxes, is constructive. It would furnish a breathing spell during
 which a careful reappraisal of our agricultural policies could be made, with a
 view to taking measures to encourage larger consumption of our cotton and foodstuffs, both at home and abroad. (727075)
- (7) The Position of Agriculture.

 WASHINGTON POST. I. 3/17. (Omaha World-Herald). * * * When industry begins to increase production, it can expect agriculture to follow suit, says Edward A. O'Neal, pres. of the Farm Bureau Fed. Two things stand in the way of a return to unrestricted planting, the absence of foreign markets and the price policies of big industries. * * * Agriculture can no longer afford to give all and get nothing. (20125*)

(1) Governor Olson and the Farmers.

MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE. R. 3/11. * * * A group of more than a thousand farmers visited the state capitol last week to make certain demands of the legislature and the present administration. This particular manifestation of pressure politics is popular strategy with certain types of organizers. * * * The scaling down of mortgages and the readjustment of the tax burden have been, and are being, undertaken by state and Federal Governments. Governor Olson's shibboleth of "change the system" is hardly an answer to the immediate demands of the farm group. But it is apparently the only answer he requires. (20119*)

Remers and Recovery.

NEW YORK WALL ST. JOURNAL. 3/19. * * * It cannot be disputed that the large army of unemployed seriously affects the agricultural market, and this in turn affects the market for industrial goods and labor. A little heart searching in Washington might be useful just now along the lines of the Secretary's statements. Industry will not function when, instead of profits, losses are piled upon it, and neither will capital seek investment in industry when to do so exposes it to attack. A blow at industry or business always affects agriculture, for industry furnishes the chief market for the farm products. (20098*)

Consumer and Processing Tax.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 3/27. * * * From the producer standpoint,

some other method than the processing tax to pay for adjustments in all probability would yield larger returns. The more serious question, however, which
the Secretary of Agriculture seems now to realize, is the extremely doubtful wisdon
of continuing restrictions on production and thus creating scarcity, instead of
returning to the tried and established principle of abundance. That holds for
industry as for the farm. (20156*)

(4) Import Control is Necessary.
PHOENIX, ARIZ. REPUBLIC. I. Prog. 3/23. * * * Whether it is the tariff
way or otherwise, imports will have to be stringently controlled by the Washington
Administration, or the New Deal will be upset. (731205)

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(5) Farmers Show Confidence.

LINCOLN STAR. I. 3/20. * * * A survey of the farm situation in the Midwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest, which has just been completed, has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest and has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest and has disclosed a most encouraging picture. Acwest and

- (1) Consumers Have Financed Farm Aid.

 DALLAS, TEX. TIMES-HERALD. IR. 3/17. * * * It can hardly be said that the AAA plan has made matters worse for the country as a whole. Conditions in the spring of 1933, when the plan was adopted were bad, indeed. And they were rapidly growing worse. At that time the public recognized the need of drastic measures. (731927)
- (2) Recovery and the Farm.

 OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 3/18. * * * But the brightest sign in the sky hangs over the farms. With prices for wheat and corn and beaf and pork that are compensatory, with foreclosures stopped, with interest rates reduced, and with a soil wet down and soon ready for the plow, we in Nebraska have little cause for worry over the stockmarket. It is the farm market that counts. And its present and prospective condition is rich with promise for the future. (20097*)
- (3) The Road Is Back.

 NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 3/18. * * * What more heartening news could there be for the whole country than an announcement by the Democrats of Congress that there would be no more experiments and that the Democratic platform of 1932 meant what it said! (19877*)
- (4) Hopeful Reports On Agriculture.

 SYRACUSE, NEW YORK POST STANDARD. R. 3/9. * * * Reports coming in on the agricultural situation continue to be highly encouraging. Take the farmer out of the red and the stability of the country is assured. (726360)
- (5) Blown Soil.

 KENOSHA, WIS. NEWS. I. 3/20. * * * The sooner those Federal tree belts for windbreaks get started, the better. Federal and state governments may also find it desirable to start a great campaign for more moisture holding and soilbinding crops. (731209)
- (6) A Letter to the Ag. Department.

 MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 3/24. * * * I would like to know why the
 Department of Agriculture and Markets does not inform the farmers as to who is fixing the prices as we see them from day to day on the Chicago market. As I see it,
 it is used for a safety valve for the protection of those who control the markets
 and credits, using the farmer's product as a part of their credit to exploit the
 farmer and to enrich themselves. The unorganized farmers are helpless, and the
 state department has nothing to fear as long as the farmers are not organized. ***
 The farmers will wake up, and it may happen soon, and then the man in power will
 have another guess coming, because it will then be shown that economic power must
 proceed political power. --- J.W.Bruecker. (20139*)

A.A. A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials - Con

- (1) Don't Saddle the Man With Such a Load:
 WICHITA, KANSAS BEACON. I. 3/17. * * * If the people of this country
 desire to retain a shred of their vaunted independence, avoiding departmental
 despotism, they are advised to get in touch with their senators and representatives without delay. (728759)
- Mark Sullivan's Letter.
 PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 2/25. (Washington). *** The New Deal introduces into America issues known before only in the politics and statesmanship of Europe. It introduces other issues not known before anywhere. The legislative measures composing the New Deal were heaped upon Congress and the country in such volume and with such speed that some were enacted without understanding of them by either Congress or people. (20121*)
- New Deal Believed Convinced Most of N.R.A. Must Be Scrapped.

 NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 3/8. (Mark Sullivan). * * * It is both
 likely and desirable that each part of the New Deal must be subjected to enlightening debate before re-enacted; or, in the case of A.A.A., which has no
 statutory limit of time, before being permitted to continue and expand. (20122*)
- (4) The Communism of Pelf.

 CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 3/13. * * * If Mr. Roosevelt hews to this line consistently, NRA, AAA and many other of the alphabetical gadgets of the New Deal will have to be junked or profoundly modified. (20101*)
- No Limit to the AAA.

 PORTLAND, MAINE PRESS HERALD. I. 3/21. * * * The AAA hasn't reached the limit by any means. If its amendments to the existing law are enacted, it will come pretty near ruling the farmers and all who have any dealings with them.

 (729955)
- Regimentation Proposals.
 SOUTH BEND, IND. NEWS-TIMES. I. 3/15. * * * There doesn't seem to be any real way to stop a group of alleged intellectuals who persist in their efforts to make the AAA an omnibus to carry through Congress all sorts of appalling control notions. * * * If the farmers and the business men of the United States want regimentation, they can have it by approving these amendments. If, however, they prefer to remain independent and keep some of the liberties guaranteed by the state and national constitutions, they should get busy at once and let their senators and congressmen know exactly what they think about the proposed law. (729956)

- (1) Wallace Must Choose.

 NEW YORK WALL ST. JOURNAL. 3/23. * * * No check-up was ever attempted on the effects of the various farm programs on the railroads, cotton ginners, textile mills, meat packers, and others. * * * Secretary Wallace may complain of the destructive competition among groups within the Nation, and plead for cooperation, unity and a working together, but his pleas will not be very convincing as long as he continues to disregard the effects of the AAA on other groups besides the farmers. (729969)
- New Dealers on Wrong Track.

 INDIANAPOLIS STAR, IR. 3/17. * * * We have appropriated more billions, and the number of those out of work is greater than when President Roosevelt was inaugurated. * * * Millions of acres of cotton have been plowed under, millions of little pigs slaughtered and agriculture regimented to a degree that would not have been considered to be possible two years ago. We are losing our foreign markets and agriculture is still in difficulties. None of the five nations leading us in the race for recovery has any A.A.A., P.W.A., H.O.L.C., C.C.C., N.R.A. or other organization whose chief function is to disseminate public funds. They are outrunning us by sticking to the sound principles on which this country became the greatest and most wealthyamong the nations of the world. (20107*)
- (3) Status of N.R.A. Is Symptomatic.

 LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 3/22. * * * What is true of the N.R.A.

 is pretty much true of A.A.A. and T.V.A. and of a lot of other alphabetical combinations. About the only remaining letter combination of vast authority is I.O.U.

 *** What the parties do is not of great concern, but to aid in educating the American people out of belief in legislature magic is something. Because the public sees the new deal is not magic, it has caved in. (20109*).
- (4) Processing Tax Unpopular.

 KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 3/14. * * * If it is necessary to continue
 benefit payments in the future, either some provision for assessing taxes against
 the commodities benefited should be devised or the benefits should be paid out of
 the general funds of the treasury. It does not seem entirely equitable that producers of one commodity should be benefited from taxation of a group or groups
 producing an entirely different product. (728786)
- (5) More Regimentation Planned.

 CLEVELAND, CHIO NEWS. I. 3/18. * * * The proposed new amendments to the

 AAA would, generally speaking, affect the lives of every man, woman and child in
 the United States, their living, their food, everything they must buy. ***The whole
 plan is another wild dream of the bureaucrats, the regimentation bloc, the seekers
 after dictatorship---if not in the central government itself, then in the department

 * * It should be repudiated in toto by the American people. (728760)

- The Logic of Mr. Wallace.

 SPRINGFIELD, ILL. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 3/20. * * * Everyone can understand why a statesman would be interested in legislation designed to secure a more general and more equitable distribution of products, but destruction of natural wealth and the fruits of industry is so opposed to common sense that the average person will regard it only with aversion. (731203)
- (2)Another Coffin Nail. SEATTLE, WASH. STAR. I. 3/22. * * * It seems only a question of time until the highest court agrees with many state and federal decisions that the AAA, as at present constituted, is utterly un-American and unconstitutional. (731262)
- (3)Tragedy of AAA. DALLAS, TEXAS DISPATCH. D. 3/10. * * * We have thrown away too many millions; done too much damage already. The sooner we are relieved of the whole tragic AAA mess the better. (726361)
- (4) We Need Something, But Is That It? DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 3/13. * * * It must not be forgotten that paying interest is only a part of the process of buying land; paying the principal is the other, and intrinsically more important, phase. * * * The country does need to get away from this corporation ownership of farms as rapidly as is soundly possible. On the other hand, no permanent benefit would be gained from hasty passage of legislation which would merely pull the mortgagees irons out of the fire, yet leave the new owners saddled with principal debts which they could not hope to pay. (20104*)
- A Foreign View of the AAA Program. NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/19. * * * European observers, writing from the viewpoint of nations which are heavy buyers of our agricultural products, feel scant sympathy with the notion of our creating prosperity through the curtailment of production. This point of view deserves careful consideration in this country at the present time, when a number of ill effects of the less of foreign markets for cotton and other staples are becoming more generally evident. (728794)

News Columns

Will Farm Buying Power Rise Further? (6) NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/11. * * * While the showing for the full year will not be known until the new crops are in, until then farm income will probably run on a par with a year ago, or actually register a small decline from the corresponding 1934 level. (20131*)

- (1) Go Back to Farms.

 NEW ORLEANS ITEM TRIBUNE. ID. 3/3. * * * (Kansas City AP)

 Retired farmers are among the leaders in a back-to-the land movement in the Middle West this season. (20134*)
- (2) As They Build.

 PORTLAND, ORE. JOURNAL. I. 3/1. * * * By their application of scientific methods as revealed at Oregon State and other experiment stations, and by use of modern business sytems and massed marketing, the cooperatives are gradually lifting Oregon agriculture toward the high level where all industry out on the land of right belongs. (20136*)
- (3) A New Farm Plan Gaining.

 OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 3/21. (Washington, D.C. AP). * * * A

 new farm plan, looking to larger government powers in aiding exportation of
 farm surpluses and a corresponding withdrawal from control programs, is reported gaining ground in Congress. (20132*)
- (4) Effects of Heavier Fertilizer Sales.

 NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/11. * * * A substantial proportion of increased fertilizer sales is being used for tobacco cultivation rather than cotton. Both of these crops are subject to marketing restrictions upon the total quantity that may be sold. Consequently, heavier yields causing a larger crop than anticipated, would create a serious problem for the A.A.A. (20127*)
- (5) Dust-Wrecked Farm Areas Looking to U. S. For Aid.

 LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 3/27. Government's soil erosion
 control plan may prove ultimate salvation of the farmers in the Colorado Region.
 (20158*)
- (6) Quick Action Slated on Food, Drugs Bill,
 NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/11. * * * (20128*)
- (7) Lack of Seed Causes Crisis.

 SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 3/14. * * * Nebraskan sees threat to corn
 plan if aid fails. (20126*)

- (1)South Farm System Hit. MINNEAPCLIS JCURNAL. IR. 3/21. (New York Times Dispatch.) * * * A complete reformation of the South's land tenure system, its credit methods, its "excessive devotion" to cotton and the economic status assigned to the Negro farmer, have become inevitable, according to a report made public by the Committee on Minority Groups in the Economic Recovery. (20113*)
- Minnesota Farm Discontent Gets Early 1935 Start. (2) NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 3/24, (St. Paul AP) * * * Tillers of the soil want "cost of production" prices this year. (20153*)
- Nebraskans in Delegation/Visiting National Capital. LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 3/25. * * * Seek large fund with which to carry on battle. (Wash. D.C. AP) * * * Joint Federal program for weed research and eradication was advocated here today by a Middle Western delegation of weed specialists, who said more than \$60,000,000 could be expended in combatting destructive weed pests. (20157*)
- May the Shelterbelt Project Succeed! (4) WICHITA BEACON. I. 3/20. * * * It is sincerely hoped the shelterbelt program will gain the results desired, altho many men of science, familiar with the regions in which the projects are to be begun, are skeptical of the outcome in which millions of dollars will be invested by Uncle Sam. (20112*)
- (5) Markets For Our Farmers. NEW YORK TIMES, ID. 3/11. * * * Costs of agricultural production here found handicap to exports. * * * In consideration of agriculture with new and cheaper lands of great fertility, among them Brazil, Argentina, and Manchuria, increasing production of all staples in this class, we can imagine the historical effect upon older and partly exhausted fertility as applied to the United States. (20130*)

News Columns - Pro

- (6) Farm Buying Gain Reported. DETROIT NEWS. I. 3/18. * * * Implement Companies Rushed to Supply Best Demand Since 1929. (DES MOINES, AP). (20096*)
- Control Program Enables Farmers to Adjust Crops. ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 3/24. Well-planned system of agriculture is predicted. (20144*)

- Farmers Are Optimistic. OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 3/18. * * * There seems to be a new optimism among farmers, and they seem to be cheered with a break coming their way. * * * Prices at farm sales are good, which is another indication of optimism on the part of the farmers. Everything indicates that Nebraska is going to make good this year. (20100*)
- (2) \$3,948,636 Profit In Farm Equipment. NEW YORK TIMES. I. 3/14. * * * International Harvester Reports for 1934--Lost \$1,886,257 in Preceding Year. (20103*)
- (3) Farm Outlook Much Brighter. SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 3/8. (Ames, Ia. -- Special) * * * "Farm buying power has improved almost as much as farm prices since the beginning of the year, because prices of things farmers buy have not risen as much as prices of farm products. (20123*)
- (4) Starve the Stations? PORTLAND, ORE. JOURNAL. I. 3/8. A last-minute bill at Salem makes for two years a 25 per cent cut in the appropriations for branch experiment stations and agricultural extension service in Oregon. The measure was originated by the joint ways and means committee. * * * When could adequate extension and research service be more useful to the farmers than in these days of stress? (20129*)
- (5) Higher Farm Prices, Not Lower, Need -- Says Capper. TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 3/13. Kansas Senator warns farm belt against drive starting in industrial centers against farm incomes. * * * Much higher farm commodity prices necessary to restore national prosperitycites the facts. (20120*)
- (6) Is This the Answer? DAILY OKLAHOMAN. ID. 3/23. Superlative praise is paid the agricultural extension service of Oklahoma in the published assertion that practically none of the tens of thousands who have been touched by the extension service are now on the relief rolls of the state and that of the estimated 800,000 now on the relief rolls practically none were ever identified with the work of the extension service. * * * If the Dept. of Agr. extension has actually made and is still making its beneficiaries depression proof, it is the most important adjunct of government and deserves far more help and sympathy and support than it has ever been accustomed to received. (20147*)

- CAPPER'S WEEKLY, TOPEKA, KANS. 3/23. * * * If we look at the facts we find that food today is much the cheapest item that enters into the cost of living of the American family. * * * More industrial production, more jobs, more wages, lower prices on city made products—these are the proper answer to the protest against higher cost of living. Lowering of farm prices, reduction of farm income, is not the answer. * * * What business and industry and labor in the United States need, is more farm purchasing power not less farm purchasing power. (20148*)
- (2) More Process Taxes.

 LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 3/25. * * * The Smith-Bankhead objective is to lower retail prices without cutting agricultural compensation. The informed understand the trick up their sleeves is to bite off part of the work relief appropriation to pay the farmers in lieu of the processing tax. FDR will certainly demur but the senators have support lined up, New York is particularly interested in the implied further knifing of A.A.A. and the prospect of another senatorial slap at the White House. (20108*)
- (3) Economic Fallacies Endanger Industry.

 INDIANAPOLIS STAR. IR. 3/17. (G. W. Starr, Dir. of Business Research, Indiana University.) * * * Limitation of production and division of wealth, ideas clothed in new names, false assumptions, writer says. (20138*)
- WASHINGTON POST. I. 3/5. * * * Despite increasing evidence of disastrous results from the A.A.A. program, the Secretary of Agriculture is now asking for greater power over farmers and handlers of farm products through the proposed amendments to the agricultural adjustment act. It is unfortunate that our farmers do not realize what has been the usual outcome of economic tinkering. (20135*)

News Columns - Con

- (5) New Deal Must Give Boost To Confidence.

 WASHINGTON POST. I. 3/19. * * * Recovery lags as needless confusions befog Administration's purposes. (Elliott Thurston.) * * * (19880*).
- (6) The Processing Tax.

 MANCHESTER UNION. 3/19. It is becoming increasingly apparent that
 the processing tax is a strong deterrent to recovery. * * * Since the tax was
 levied on staple commodities, such as food and clothing, these economists maintained, it must necessarily fall most heavily upon the classes of consumers
 least able to bear it, and therefore result in a marked decline in consumption.
 (20133*).

- (1) 'Give Me Liberty' Theme of Kansan In Attack On A.A.A.

 KANSAS CITY, MO., JOURNAL POST. I. 3/13. * * * Dan Casement Writes
 of U. S. invasion into his field. (362946)
- (2) Minnesota Governor Says AAA Program Has Failed.

 NEW YORK WALL ST. JOURNAL. 3/20. * * * Olson urges substitution of policy involving governmental fixing of basic farm prices. (362921)
- (3) New Deal Is Seen Losing In Its Popularity.
 CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/18. * * * President Harriman of U. S.
 Chamber says Roosevelt is slipping. (19878*)
- (4) Verdict Is Blow to Federal AAA.

 SPOKANE, WASH. SPOKESMAN REVIEW. IR. 3/19. * * * (Yakima) Holding that the A.A.A. is unconstitutional because Congress exceeded its authority in delegating legislative authority to Henry A. Wallace, director of agriculture, Federal Judge J. Stanley Webster, Spokane, today handed down a decision in court here that the Government cannot enforce the AAA and its codes on Northwestern fruit industries. (365047)

FOOD PRICES.

Editorials

(5) Rising Farm and Fcod Prices.

TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL. R. 3/12. * * * Prices of farm products are approaching parity with manufactured goods. * * * But while agriculture is receiving better returns, consumers are paying higher prices to a greater extent. (20106*)

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RENO, NEVADA STATE JOURNAL. ID. 3/8. * * * Considering benefit payments as additional income, farmers received on the part of their crops consumed in this country, returns equal to 124 per cent of pre-war prices, or two per cent less than parity. These figures cover the items designated by the law as basic. * * * Without benefit payments, farm prices are 20 points below parity at this time. It goes to show how the AAA is aiding the farmer. (726359)

- (1) While Roosevelt Waits.

 SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 3/11. * * * The rising price of foodstuffs has caused consumer complaints to pour in upon Washington. Congress
 orders an investigation of the processors by the Federal Trade Commission to
 determine if they are not getting too big a slice of the consumer's dollar.
 This will take the heat off A.A.A. Smart politics, you'll admit. Washington
 is letting trade statistics do a lot of talking for the Administration. * * *
 Farm income for January and February was around \$1,000,000,000 against around
 \$800,000,000 for the same months last year, not counting benefit payments
 from A.A.A. And an Old Guard newspaper, not 100 miles from Sioux City, says
 "to date the efforts of the changed regime in Washington to solve the problems
 of the nation are not very impressive." Proving, if anything, that it is
 doggone hard to impress people who just don't want to be impressed. (20118*)
- SCHENECTADY, N. Y. GAZETTE, ID. 3/22. * * * Some people who have followed the argument thus far ask why, instead of spending money to curtail production and then spending more to buy hogs for the support of the needy, the Government does not let John Smith raise all the hogs he wants to and buy them from him for relief distribution. The answer is that such procedure would destroy the whole purpose of the plan by encouraging all the John Smiths of the Nation to increase production heavily, at once in a misguided effort to reap large profits, and thus depress prices in a manner ruinous to the farmer. (731929)

Editorials - Con

- (3) If There Is No Surplus, AAA Invents One.

 NEW YORK EVENING POST. IR. 3/22. * * * Before we dare set any foodproduction limits in a country where millions are in need, we should first
 determine the "saturation point" the production needed to supply the needs
 of every American man, woman and child. * * * So long as AAA continues as a
 projection of its original mistaken policy it will pile up paradoxes funnier
 than the funniest things the columnists can say about it in the anti-Administration papers. (729956)
- (4) Food Price Trend.

 HOUSTON, TEXAS POST. D. 3/18. * * * Continued rise in food prices, while incomes remain stationary, will be a dangerous development. Secretary Wallace ought to shape the agricultural program so for 1935 that there will be no danger of a further food shortage this year. (729973)

- (1) Mr. Consumer's Weak Situation.

 DETROIT NEWS. I. 3/12. * * * Tariff changes, monetary action, wages and business policy affect prices; it will be strange if, in view of its powers in many directions, a plan of applying effectual brakes as prices rise is not forthcoming from the New Deal. (20105*)
- (2) Fallacy of High Prices.

 MACON EVENING NEWS. D. 3/11. * * * Every housewife knows that the cost of living has gone up far faster than has her husband's wage or salary, and she is having a harder time to make ends meet today than she had a year ago. And yet the President holds that prices are not yet high enough! (20151*)

COTTON

Editorials

- NORFOLK, VIRGINIA PILOT. ID. 3/14. * * * The public interest created by the far-reaching effects of cotton declines in recent days has brought a new realization of the dilemma toward which we are heading. Save for those directly affected, there is no immediate national significance, The basic cotton problem, however, is national. Eventually the country will have to quit temporizing with it. (728761).
- (4) Cotton Slumps Again.

 PORTLAND, ME. PRESS HERALD. I. 3/19. * * * It is said that we will probably never get back our foreign markets. Americans cannot meet the foreign competition. By protecting the American market we may be able to absorb 40 per cent of the Southern crop but that is all. (728763).
- (5) The Cotton Reaction.

 SYRACUSE, NEW YORK HERALD. I. 3/14. * * * It is growing evident that the increased cotton output of several foreign nations creates a serious problem for both the individual American planters and the A.A.A. Even the economists who are accustomed to belittle the relative value of our international trade must realize that the narrowing foreign market for a staple production which, in normal years, has doubled the volume of home consumption, is a serious portent. (728764).

- (1) The Sharecropper-Landlord Problem.

 LITTLE ROCK, ARK. DEMOCRAT. D. 3/19. * * * One big mistake outside observers of the problem are very apt to make, is to judge it by the tenantry conditions in the North. The two are not comparable. Northern tenantry is usually a step in the evolution of a farm owner from a farm hand. Especially in the Middle West, large numbers of farm boys start out as farm hands, saving enough from their wages to buy tools and work stock, then becoming renters, and continuing to save until they can buy farms. (731254).
- Victimizing the Tenant.

 WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. JOURNAL. ID. 3/22. * * * To break the strangle hold of the tenancy system on the lives and destinies of multiplied thousands of people in the South, it may be well worth while for the Federal Government to further unbalance its treasury and set about the task of providing a home ownership system for these unfortunates. (731250).
- (3) Cotton At the Crossroads.

 ATLANTA CONSTITUTION. D. 3/24. * * * No more vitally important task lies ahead of Congress than to seriously seek means that will avert the collapse now confronted by the cotton interests of the country. It is reassuring that this is already being done, and that able southermers in Congress are concentrating their efforts on the solution of a problem that must be solved if the country is to reach the road to recovery. (20143*).

Editorials - Pro

(4) To Aid the Farm Home,

HELENA, MONT. INDEPENDENT. ID. 3/17. * * * The principal of the
Bankhead bill is right. Absentee landlordism is a bad thing for agricultural development - lands are just skimmed for all that can be taken out of them, worn out, abandoned, when a real farm home is not built on them.

(729965).

Editorials - Con

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. I. 3/22. * * * While the U. S. has been decreasing its cotton crop 43 percent, India has been increasing 8 percent. Egypt has been increasing 22 percent, and, more to the point than all, Brazil has increased its product. 68 percent. Little wonder it is said that King Cotton totters on his throne with half a billion of world markets at stake. * * * It is as certain as can be that we cannot command the world cotton market with high prices and restricted production. (20142*)

- (1) Whither on Cotton?

 BINGHAMTON, N. Y. PRESS. I. 3/19. * * * Meantime a curious thing is happening in the South. There is plenty of money in the cotton country but the bread lines are longer than they used to be. That is an anomaly which can only be explained by Government spending. It is another artificial situation. (731243)
- Tugging at Boot Straps.

 SPRINGFIELD, MASS. UNION. R. 3/15. * * * By NRA the Administration adopted a boasted model cotton textile code to increase the cost of production and to increase purchasing power, and then by A.A.A. put on a processing tax of 4.4 cents a pound to be paid by cotton goods manufacturers in this country. A result is that the American consumer buys less cotton goods and foreign cotton goods come in over the tariff and sell cheaper. The cotton growers get a bounty and lose their market; the textile industries pay the bounty and lose their market. (729964)
- (3) May Be Weak Place in Foundation.

 JEFFERSON CITY, MO. FARM BUREAU NEWS. 3/1. * * * Surpluses are surpluses whether they are of industrial goods or of farm products. Unemployment resulting from inability to keep plants running is a social and economic problem whether those plants are cement factories or cotton fields. The same economic laws are basic to agriculture and to industry. To ignore that fact is to ignore one of the basic factors of the whole situation and to leave a weak place in the foundation of recovery that will scene; or later again bring disaster to the whole structure. (20160*)
- Government Loans on Cotton.

 FLORIDA TIMES-UNION. ID. 3/25. * * * The cotton situation is regarded as most unsatisfactory, even though the price is comparatively high. Curtailed production has raised the price of cotton; but it has also caused great loss to a large number in allied industry. Loss of foreign markets is one of the greatest troubles; and it is hoped that whatever is done may not cause continuance or increase in this reduction of exports. (20145*)
- (5) The South Undoing the South.

 SPRINGFIELD, MASS. UNION R. 3/20. *** As this surplus in the hands
 of the Government increases, it weighs on the market and tends to beat the Government in trying to maintain a price by loans. New Deal officials claim that they
 will still pursue this policy, the end of which may be the undoing of the
 Scuthern cotton planters and ruin of Southern agriculture. (729960)

- (1) Congress and the Price of Cotton.

 ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 3/20. * * * An artificial market is treachercus enough under the best circumstances. An artificial market subject to
 legislative tinkering simply has nothing solid to rest on. (20110*)
- (2) A Warning.

 WICHITA, KANS. EAGLE. I. 3/20. * * * Cotton is breaking, according to all followers of the market, because of a growing distrust of artificial control by which a price peg is sought. (731241)
- DALLAS, TEXAS TIMES HERALD. 3/13. * * * It is well enough to deplore the suffering of the sharecropper under the AAA, but it is in order to give some thought to why sharecroppers are so numerous and why they are becoming more numerous. (728765)
- (4) Crisis in the Cotton Industry.

 BEAUMONT, TEXAS ENTERPRISE. D. 3/15. * * * Temporary price-stabilization will not compensate the South for permanent loss of its foreign cotton markets. (728774).
- (5) The Cotton Market.

 NEW YORK TIMES, ID. 3/20. * * * It remains to be seen how permanent the decline will be and how it will affect the cotton situation. But one need not wait to make up his mind as to the light it throws on the Government's experimenting. (728762).

News Columns

MACON TELEGRAPH. D. 3/19. To the Editor of the Telegraph: It is entirely possible for the A.A.A. to adequately help the cotton producers, and to do it in such a way as to encurage sales for export, thus helding the world's markets available to the raw cotton producers of the United States and not, as it has been doing, in such a way as to handicap sales for export, thus causing the hearding of cotton in the United States. * * * Unless Congress opens up the channels of trade, the cotton South will continue to lose its export markets, and in the end the cotton producers will have only a relatively small demestic market in which to sell their cotton. What then will the majority of the 2,000,000 cotton farm families do for a cash crop? (20111*)

(1) Many Stories of Starvation.

MACON TELEGRAPH. D. 3/9. Hugh Russell Fraser, in the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, is picturing the stark condition of the sharecroppers of the cotton belt--eight million of them, he contends. Erskine Caldwell, a Georgia product of doubtful value, is writing in the New York Post about the actual starvation and hopelessness of the sharecropper, tenant farmer, and the day laborer in this same country. * * * Socialist Norman Thomas also has sent out a broadside condemning the exploiting of Americans, and declaring that the treatment of the sharecroppers, tenants and day laborers in the cotton belt of the South is one of the crimes of the ages. * * * Mr. Erskine and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Fraser are writing nothing that is constructive. On the other hand, it is all incendiary. It creates class hatred that is senseless. (20152*)

New Columns - Con

- (2) Bankhead Act, U. S. Lcan Rapped by Cetten Werkers.

 NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 3/23. Foreign markets, domestic
 mills suffer, declares association. (20149*)
- (3) Spinners Group Denounces Tax.

 RALEIGH NEWS & ORSERVER. D. 3/23. Copper says cotton processing tax

 principle unsound, detrimental to business. (20114*)
- (4) Mills to Push Fight on Processor Levy.

 N. Y. JOURNAL OF CCMMERCE. 3/22. Piedmont Millmen determined to pursue efforts to lighten tax burden. (Greenville, S. C.) (20161*)
- (5) Socialists Demand Probe in Arkansas
 ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 3/24. Telegram charging 'reign of terror' sent
 to White House. (20146*)
- (6) AAA Is Dencunced as Job Destroyer.

 N. Y. EVENING POST. IR. 3/22. Norman Thomas says South's plantation system robs tenants of rights. (365043)
- (7) Bankhead Act and U. S. Lean Rapped by Cotton Workers

 NEW ORLEANS, TIME PICAYUNE. ID. 3/23. * * * Criticism is leveled at
 the Bankhead Act 12-cent loans on cotton, the processing tax on the staple and
 gevernment-financed co-operatives in a statement issued Friday by the Louisiana
 Division, Cotton Industries Employes Assn. (367800)

(1) Cotton Ginners Oppose Tax on Oleomargine.

DALLAS, TEXAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 3/19. * * * (19873*)

Editorials

DAIRY

(2) Milk Control Comment.

NEW HAVEN, CONN. JOURNAL COURIER. I. 3/21. * * * It becomes increasingly clear that the milk situation cannot be completely confined within state lines, is affected by outside conditions and markets. (731260)

New Columns

- (3) Milk Industry May Be Made Public Utility.

 TOLEDO, OHIO TIMES. R. 3/17. * * * The possibility of having the milk industry in Ohio classified as a public utility as a means of obtaining lower costs to consumers and a fair return to producers and distributors will be considered by the investigating committee of the legislature. (362951)
- (4) Interstate Milk Action Froposed.

 HARTFORD, CONN. TIMES. ID. 3/14. * * * A second proposal to curb the threat to the control which state milk boards have over this industry—the importation of cheap milk to be sold at increased spread for the importer—dealer—is being considered in the form of a Federal co-ordinator with power to regulate interstate commerce in milk. Governor Lehman of New York, a state which finds itself in the same position as Connecticut due to actual importations which now have the sanction of the United States supreme court, suggested a week ago the establishment by Congress of milkshed areas. (362964)
- (5) Skin Games' of Milk Men Thwart Law.

 HARTFORD, CONN. CCURANT. R. 3/20. * * * Legislative Committee told

 of clever dodges as Milk Board asks for amendments. (362962)
- (6) NEW STRUGGLE LOOMS ON MILK INSPECTOR LAW.

 KENOSHA, WISCONSIN NEWS. I. 3/16. * * * A renewal of the fight over the licensing of Chicago milk inspectors by the Wisconsin department of agriculture and markets, a proposal opposed in the past by the department itself and Kenosha county dairy farmers, looms again. (362954).

PACKERS-MEAT PRICES

Editorials - Con

- (1) Sticking to It.

 WHEELING, W. VA. INTELLIGENCER. R. 3/22. * * * If the agricultural planners believe prohibitive pork prices and less meat for the American people is of permanent benefit to the country, they are due for a rude awakening. (731256)
- (2) How Does It Help?

 DETROIT, MICH. FREE PRESS. IR. 3/22. * * * Will Mr. Wallace or some-body else explain how it helps farmers or anybody else to boost meat prices to consumers to a point that dries up and destroys the market? (731258)
- (3) Round the Cycle with Pork.

 CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 3/16. You never can tell a professor anything. That has been proved true countless times since President Roosevelt appointed his "brain trust" and began trying to regulate everything in sight. * * * pointed his "brain trust" and began trying to regulate everything in sight. * * * These bright young minds, with their tons of books, have had their way with "adjustments" and "co-operation," but if other than Government workers had done the same trick, nine chances to ten the "adjustment" would be called ruining a good market. (20117*)

NewsColumns - Pro

OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 3/18. * * * Since the Government has deemed (4) it necessary to help the farmer and live stock man through the A. A.A., it would seem only right that the Government should follow on through to the consumer, and see that each one shall receive a just share and no more, either by licensing or some method that would guarantee fair play to all. * * * R. H. Cabell objects to the Government wanting to regulate the packing industry, yet the packing industry has regulated the prices to the farmer and stockman. * * * The A.A.A. should have included all meat animals instead of just pork, and then the packer would not have had beef and mutten to ruin the hog market as long as they did. * * * The packers, as well as other large manufacturers, are able to control their supply to equal the demand and that, they consider all right. But when the Government says it will help the farmer to control production so as to meet demand and maintain a fair price, then it is all wrong. * * * Mr. Cabell says he believes in honest and economic conduct of business and that is all that our Goernment wants, so what is wrong with Government control? If the packers are operating at a fair profit and no more, why object to Government inspection of their books. (20094*)

PACKERS-MEAT PRICES

News Columns - Con

(1) Swift Fights A.A.A. Licenses for Packers.
N. Y. CITY AMERICAN. I. 3/26. * * * Amendments to act called

Complete Dictatorship. (366583)

Editorials

GRAIN

Success of Wheat Farmer Rests on His Own Efforts.

DAVENPORT, IA DEMOCRAT. D. 3/15. * * * The more than three-quarters of a million individuals now voluntarily banded together for a common purpose in their own county wheat production control association have achieved something new in American agriculture. Thru these associations they have demonstrated that local control can be an effective instrument in bringing about adjustment. (728780)

Editorials - Con

PORTLAND, ORE. OREGONIAN. IR. 3/22. * * * It is difficult in such discussion to restrain an indignation alike natural and warrant d. The meddlers with crop control have made it harder for laboring people to earn their own subsistence in the lean years of the depression. In all their meddling, Providence has rebuked them. But they still ride a horse of pride. (731228).

News Columns

(4) Drouth-Stricken China to Import More Rice in '75
NEW ORLEANS TIMES-FICAYUNE. ID. 3/22. Japan expected to furnish
grain to neighbor this season. (20140*)

News Columns - Con

- (5) Grain Trade is Perplexed; A.A.A. Gropes in Dark.
 CHICAGO, ILL. DAILY NEWS. I. 3/21. * * * See Government waking to
 fact known here many months ago. (365044)
- (6) Benefits of Wallace's Wheat Action Dubious
 LINCOLN STAR. I. 3/21. (Grand Island, Neb., AP) * * * Farmers at
 corn-hog meeting say conditions prevent much new seeding. (20115*)

MISCELLANEOUS

Editorials

(1) Things Can be Overdone.

GREENSBORO, N. C. NEWS. I. 3/22. * * * Tobacco growers, now in their A.A.A. heaven, must realize, as they view and bemoan cotton's plight, that a good thing may be overdone to disastrous effect. (731266)

Editorials - Pro

(2) Farm Relief.—At A Profit!

E. ST. LOUIS, ILL. JOUNRAL. I. 3/17. * * * In as far as the corn belt is concerned, A.A.A. is the one most brilliant achievement of the national administration. That its work has been done without adding one cent to the Government deficit is another reason for satisfaction. (728791).

News Columns

(3) West Seeks Tariff Aid.

LOS ANGELES TIMES. IR. 3/12. (Washington AP) * * * Continued protection sought for lemons, cherries, walnuts, almonds. (20124*).

News Columns - Con

- (4) Prepare to Fight Potato Control Plan.

 FORT WAYNE, IND. NEWS SENTINEL. R. 3/16. * * * Extension of A.A.A. to muck crops condemned in Warsaw meeting. * * * Marshaling forces to combat the proposed reduction of potato crops in Indiana, a group of 35 potato growers outlined plans for a fight with the A.A.A. (362967)
- (5) Farmers Rap A.A.A. Compact for Potatoes.

 ROCHESTER, N. Y. DEM. AND CHRON. R. 3/16. * * * Small farmers of
 Western New York are writing to Senators R. S. Copeland, Robert F. Wagner and
 Representative James W. Wadsworth protesting the "Potato Act of 1935", by which
 it is proposed to declare Irish potatoes a basic commodity and form a marketing
 agreement under the A.A.A. and control production and prices. (362969).

- (1) Sugar Refiners are Squeezed by New Deal, Says E. D. Babst. CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 3/14. * * * American sugar refiners are being squeezed on the one hand by the rising cost of operations resulting from the recovery program and on the other by the competition of Cuban refiners. (20084*).
- (2) Sugar Refiner: Asks U. S. Aid for Industry. PHILADELPHIA RECORD. 1. 3/14. * * * Processing giant fears 'Irreparable Crippling', of domestic trade. * * * Rostored volume would increase employment', report asserts. (20099*).



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(1) Farm Imports.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 3/28 * * * Current conditions do not indicate much necessity for artificial production control in any agricultural commodity but they do suggest that Congress faces a delicate task if it decides to raise the tariff wall by excise duties to a point which will insure still better farm prices without imposing too heavy a burden upon consumers. * * * (20875*)

DETROIT NEWS. I. 3/30. The A.A.A. has answered very handily former President Hoover's charge that food products are "pouring" into the United States from abroad because of domestic crop curtailment, simply by reprinting the figures already available. * * * By grace of the drouth, and for better or for worse, the A.A.A. succeeded in doing just that. And, for Mr. Hoover to complain now that farm products are being imported over the tariff barrier shows a remarkable forgetfulness on his part of the objective of his own Federal Farm Board experiment. * * * (20656*)

(3) The Agricultural Budget.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 3/18. * * * The Department of Agriculture under its present leadership is a mixture of practicality and idealism.

It is intensely practical when it undertakes to extract money from Congress for itself and for farmer beneficiaries. But it reverts to a curious idealism when it starts to philosophize about industry that might go profitless in order that agricultural incomes can soar faster and higher than they have during their phenomenal expansion of the past year. (20504*)

(4) Farmers Need More than the A.A.A.

WEEKLY KANSAS CITY STAR. Ind. Agric. 3/20. * * * The Secretary by no means meant to imply in his testimony that he considered the program of the A.A.A. a failure. He was simply stating its limitations frankly, a discovery hastened by the unexpected fickleness of Nature. His reputation for intellectual honesty again was enhanced by his candor. (20466*)

(5) Must Help Industry to Help Agriculture.

Can MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. COMMERCIAL WEST. -- 3/16. * * *"The greatest relief that/come to the agricultural population is represented by recovery of industrial earnings and wages and the extended and improved markets for agricultural products both in terms of volume and of prices, which this recovery would represent." (20485*)

(6) Says Cut in Tariff Would Help Farmer at No Risk to Jobs.

DAILY BLOOMINGTON, ILL. PANTAGRAPH. I. 3/28. * * * "It is estimated that not more than one American wage earner in six is competing directly with a foreign wage earner. In making tariff adjustments the problem of what is to become of the workers whose industry depends to some extent on tariff protection must obviously be considered carefully." (20876*)

- (1) New Deal a la Suisse. PHILADELPHIA; PA. EVENING BULLETIN. ID. 4/1. * * * The Swiss Parliament has taken the unusual step of urging the Swiss people to reject a proposal to be submitted in national referendum in June, which the majority of the members of the national legislature hold would turn the country into a Socialist State. * * * Sober opinion in the oldest of European democracies seems to think it better to seek recovery by easily comprehensible and time-tested methods. * * * (20877*)...
- (2) Eastern Stupidity. SIOUX FALLS, S. D. DAILY ARGUS-LEADER. R. 3/30. * * * The New York Sun again refers to the "subsidies being paid to the farmers under the provisions of the A.A.A. " * * The ARGUS-LEADER is not an admirer of the A.A.A. but it does resent such smug assumptions from the tariff-protected industrial East. * * * Now comes the A.A.A. seeking to do for the farmer what the tariff has done for many years to the industrial East. And the newspapers of the metropolis shout in anger that it is a subsidy! * * * Such economic stupidity is disturbing. How can we expect to solve our economic problems if supposed leaders of thought are unable to detect the similarity between the tariff and the A.A.A. payments? * * * (20878*)
- (3) Army Food Bill Up 45% Due to A.A.A. NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 3/25. (Washington) Attributing it to the operations of the A.A.A., the War Department is revising upward by about 45 percent the estimates of the cost of feeding the Army this year. * * * (20496*)
- (4) Farm and Other Prices. DALLAS, TEX. SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS. ID. 3/26. * * * The trouble with the farm market is that there has never been the right relation between farm prices and the cost of living, and there will not be until there is tariff readjustment. (20483*)
- (5) The Price Trend. CLEVELAND, OHIO PLAIN DEALER. ID. 3/20. * * * Since the A.A.A. has relaxed considerably both on its cotton and corn-hog programs, it would follow almost as a matter of course that prices will fall well below last year's level unless the Government steps in to support them. * * * (20499*)

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(6) Plowing Under. DAVENPORT, IA. DEMOCRAT. D. 3/28. * * * Some people talk as if the United States were the only country that ever plowed under surplus cotton and pigs. * * * On the contrary, Holland destroyed tulip bulbs and issued ear tags for pigs, making it an offense to raise pigs without tags. * * * The point seems to be that our A.A.A. isn't the only organization that has been bothered with too much of a good things and has had to take extreme measures to get back to normal supplies and demand and prices again. * * * (20879*)

(1) Farm Loans Rehabilitated.

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Dead Lock.

chilling his heart. (20500*)

- ST. PAUL POINEER PRESS. I. 3/25. Federal co-operation in refinancing agricultural indebtedness is rapidly rehabilitating the farm mortgage in the favor of private lenders. Land bank loans dropped more than 70 percent between last June and February of this year and in the same period the percentage of loans taken by individuals and private concerns has been steadily increasing.

 * * * That this has all been done according to sound business principles is demonstrated by the reestablishment of farm investment with private lenders on the basis of sound credit. (20490*)
- DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 3/26. * * * Wallace is one of the best thinkers in economic and social science in Washington officialdom, but he is academic. As a leader in practical matters the best that he can do seemingly is to muddle through. N.R.A. has broken down because it never had a workable plan. A.A.A. has been more successful because it had a less difficult problem, but it will come to grief too, unless its leadership does something to inspire public confidence in its policies for the future. The people want to know something more than that A.A.A. officials "are thinking of carrying on the program in some form" in the future. (20650*)
- (3) Farm Bureau Favors A.A.A. Power Increase.

 SALT LAKE TRIBUNE. I. 3/19. * * * Indorsement of the proposed amendments to the national A.A.A. was given by the Utah State Farm Bureau in telegrams to the Utah congressional delegation. * * * (20880*)
- (4) Food and Drug Legislation.

 ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 3/23. * * * Amendments and redrafts have materially modified the aspects of the new legislation, and if the bill as presented for final consideration is frankly aimed at evaders and chiselers, it will have support in the very quarters formerly opposed. Those who have the largest stakes in the foods and drug lines have the largest interest in keeping their products above criticism. (20495*)
- EMPORIA, KANS. GAZETTE. R. 3/18. Secretary Wallace's recent outgivings on the subject of agricultural price fixing exhibit a statesmanlike candor. He seems to realize what anyone must realize who faces reality without flinching, that if the farmer gets a price for his produce high enough to make a living, the processing price what the old Grangers used to call the middleman's profits will of necessity increase the price of food and clothing to the consumer, so that an injustice will fall upon him. The old deadlock still looms between the interests of the farmer and the ultimate consumer of the farmer's goods. * * Today the Secretary of Agriculture, kindly, honest,

brave and wise, shows by his speeches that the shadow of the dark truth is

(1) Prices on the Farm.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 3/28. * * * Start to clean up your middlemen.

That's where the profit goes. While you were paying about 8 cents a quart for milk, we got only about 1 cent a quart. * * * Give the farmer a lift only as far as his products are concerned and you will soon see the wheels of prosperity turn. We have not only suffered from the depression but also from drouth, as we have had crops fail for five years, being in the drouth stricken area. [PJZ.] * * * (20881*)

Editorials - Con

- LOS ANGELES TIMES. IR. 3/26. * * * New evidence that the human race is not logical continues to come to light from time to time, but no organization supplies such a copious quantity of proof as the A.A.A. This year the A.A.A. is not only to pay farmers for not raising hogs but for not raising hogs which they could not possibly raise if they wanted to, by reason of the shortage of feed and breeding stock. And \$75,000,000 of public money is to be lavished on the notraisers in this manner! * * * (20882*)
- (3) After Curtailment Farmers Are Going Back Into Production.

 MIAMI, FLA. HERALD. ID. 3/30. * * * The costly agricultural experiments of plowing under and destroying may fade into tragic economic history. * * * (20883*)
- (4) Farm Crop Prices.

 DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 3/30. * * * (To the editor) * * * Asking farmers of this country to produce less of farm commodities, and then permitting the farmers of other nations to have the benefits of our markets is not "using sense." It is un-American and unpatriotic. * * * (0.0. Cole, Emerson, Ia.) * * * (20884*)
- (5) How the A.A.A. Helps.

 CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 4/1. * * * Don't you wonder if the farmer realizes how much he is being helped by the A.A.A.—that is, being displaced by artificial butter, fish and imported meats instead of the domestic product, and foreign grains? * * * (20885*)
- (6) Taxing the People's Bread.

 MANCHESTER UNION. IR. 4/1. * * * From a scheme of subsidizing scarcity

 A.A.A. now relapses into the status of a production bounty to farmers. * * *

 To finance this deal the processing taxes on wheat may have to be boosted a bit.

 In that way the New Deal will assess the cost upon the people's bread. At first glance it all seems highly complex, another screw added to a queer world

run by dictators, planners, pedagogues and bureaucrats from Moscow to Manila and back again. But it is really very simple. All the planned economies are reversions to the ancient tyrannies of the Pharoahs and Nebuchadnezzars. They knew how to tax the people's bread! * * * New Deal? Every day in every way it looks older and older. * * * (20886*)

- (1) Subsidies for Agricultural Exports.

 NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 4/1. * * * The subsidy proposal is fundamentally an outright payment of Treasury funds to keep farmers satisfied and politically tranquil. To disguise it in sugar-coated form, as has been done, should confuse no one who cares to probe beneath the surface. (20649*)
 - (2) Farm Exports.

 IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN. R. 3/29. Loss of foreign markets was one of the factors which brought on the depression; it is not encouraging to learn that we are not regaining them. * * * But what really is more startling is the fact that in the four or five past years Uncle Sam actually imported more farm products than he exported. * * * (20655*)
- (3) Wallace Must Choose.

 WALL ST. JOURNAL. -- 3/23. * * * Secretary Wallace may complain of the destructive competition among groups within the nation, and plead for cooperation, unity and a working together, but his pleas will not be very convincing as long as he continues to disregard the effects of the A.A.A. on other groups besides the farmers. (20474*)
- (4) Proposal to Divide A.A.A. into Districts.

 SHERMAN COUNTY, ORE. WEEKLY JOURNAL. 3/22. The proposal now made that the A.A.A. should be divided into districts as far as income is concerned will raise a great row in the Northwest. If this came to pass, the Northwest would have to put on enough processing tax to pay for its own export corporation, and as the surplus is about fifty percent of the total crop raised, it would be impossible. (20469*)
- (5) Plenty, Not Scarcity, The Key.

 KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 3/18. * * * But the inevitably decreased consumption of both industrial goods and farm commodities would mean not only the still further steps to reduced production but increasingly limited returns from even the higher prices. So the whole scarcity scheme would tend to defeat itself, to hurt not only the great body of consumers, but industry and its workers and the farmer as well. * * * (20501*)
- (6) Opinion Growing that the New Deal is Now Working at Cross Purposes. WASHINGTON, D. C. STAR. I. 3/24. (By Owen L. Scott) * * * (20498*)

- (1) Hodson Plan Approved.

 NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 3/23. Amateur truck gardening for the jobless seen as most helpful. * * * It may be true that Mr. Hodson's plan is contrary to the A.A.A. policy of producing shortages in order to boost prices. But there is nothing sacred about the A.A.A., and many intelligent people are openly and frankly skeptical about the economic soundness of its policies. Most certainly the Administration did not intend that these policies should result in buying corn abroad and in losing our foreign textile trade to Japan. But that is how it has turned out. * * * (20471*)
- DAILY OKLAHOMAN. ID. 3/29. Nothing but the wasting of a half million dellars is likely to accrue if the legislature actually appropriates \$500,000 to inaugurate a subsistence homestead program. * * * The legislature is merely making a mockery of a people's calamity and deliberately throwing away \$500,000 when it offers this bill to the landless people of Oklahoma. (20470*)
- (3) High Wages with Falling Prices Held a Cause of Unemployment.

 NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 3/20. Mark Sullivan blames N.R.A. and

 A.A.A. policies for what he terms 'a sort of buyer's strike'; finds cleavage between the agencies. (20492*)
- (4) Too Tight a Rein.

 DALIAS, TEX. COTTON & COTTON OIL NEWS. -- 3/9. * * * According to its own estimates of performance, the A.A.A. has done well. * * * According to its own concessions, much of what it is doing is experimental and temporary. It might well be patient before venturing into other experiments. In a perfectly tolerant spirit we submit the view that the state of mind of business is such that it should not be further irritated by a grant of such vast powers in further defiance of the historic fear of unlimited or undefined power in human hands. (20464*)
- (5) The Drift Toward Nationalization.

 MINNEAPOLIS COMMERCIAL WEST. -- 3/16. * * * When an emergency agency has served its purpose, let's drop it. Let's get back to the good old fundamentals of independent farming, individual banking and financing, private business and personal initiative as soon as we can. (20467*)
- (6) Evils of A.A.A. Licensing Bill.

 STOCKYARDS DAILY JOURNAL. -- 2/27. * * * Business interests in general base their opposition to the tightened control and licensing provisions of the new A.A.A. bill primarily on the fact that all industry, including agriculture, will be hampered and hindered. If this is the judgment of practical business men, then Congress had best stop, look and listen, before it approves the measure. Enough mistakes have been made as it is. * * * (20887*)

(1) Too Many "Experiments."

NEW YORK PACKER. -- 3/23. * * * Dr. Wallace and his assistants, finding that the first serum was neither curative nor deadly (although quite expensive) are now asking for permission to inject a still more potent serum in the body of American Agriculture. * * * Should these millions of subjects be turned over to the "physicians" of the A.A.A. for another test? The PACKER thinks not. If anything, the serum should be modified, not strengthened. The danger is too grave, the possibilities of utter financial ruin for millions is too probable to allow the enlargement and expansion of policies that have not proved too successful at best. It is time that some of the good old customs regarding taboos on the experimentation with human life are applied to experiments on our economic life. (20463*)

PRAIRIE FARMER, CHICAGO, ILL. -- 3/30. * * * "Opposition to the A.A.A. amendments are only a preliminary attempt to overthrow the A.A.A. program at its foundation. * * * (20888*)

NAT'L PROVISIONER, CHICAGO, ILL: -- 3/30. * * * Opposition has been growing rapidly during the past week to A.A.A. amendments which would grant large regulatory powers over the meat packing industry to the Secretary of Agriculture. Several leading packers are sending letters to their stockholders pointing out dangers to the industry which lie in the amendments. * * * Many organizations have joined in opposition to the amendments, some of them representing localities interested in the raising and processing of livestock and other agricultural commodities. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce, South Omaha Merchant's Assn. and the Nebraska Mfgrs. Assn. have taken such action recently. The Wichita Chamber of Commerce, seeing dangerous results to its industries and its State, has also expressed opposition. * * * (20889*)

News Columns

(4) Farmers Propose New Labor Party.

MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL. IR. 3/28. (Sioux Falls, S. D. AP) Favoring formation of a "nationwide labor party" which would include "all militants," the Farmers Emergency Relief Conference adjourned after indorsing a "plan of action" calling for "relief without debt," production credit and immediate release of seed and feed to farmers in need. * * * (20652*)

⁽⁵⁾ Consumer's Dollar Eaten Up by "Costs".

CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER. I. 3/29. * * * Transport, processing and distribution take 54.4 cents. * * * (20890*)

- (1) Farm Equipment.

 WALL ST. JOURNAL. -- 4/3. * * * Leading companies aim to diversify
 lines to avoid pronounced seasonal operating swings. * * * (20891*)
- (2) New Farm Plan Gaining Favor.

 SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 3/21. * * * (By Munro Kezer) * * * (Washington AP) A new farm plan, looking to larger government powers in aiding exportation of farm surpluses and a corresponding withdrawal from control programs, is reported gaining ground in Congress. * * * (20892*)
- (3) Food Prices Soar!
 SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER. I. 3/27. * * * Sugar cost rises again;
 meat higher. * * * (20893*)
- (4) Restaurant Prices Raised 10 per cent.

 NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 4/2. The Society of Restaurateurs adds \$300,000 daily to customers' expenses. * * * (20653*)
- (5) European Mill Activity Holds Around 66 per cent of Normal.

 NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 4/3. * * * Political and economic uncertainty intensified--Italy joins nations restricting exports--hand-to-mouth buying follows concentration on home markets. * * * (20894*)
- (6) Sweden's Recovery Tops 1929 Marks.
 MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 3/31. Employment now highest in 11 years;
 industrial production passes boom level; gaiety reigns in Stockholm. (By Wm.
 H. Stoneman) (Stockholm, Sweden (By Mail)) * * * (20654*)

News Columns - Pro

- (7) Editors Approve Farming Policies.
 SEMI-WEEKLY DALLAS FARM NEWS. 3/26. * * * (20645*)
- (8) Our Future Farm Program.

 SIOUX CITY JOURNAL. IR. 3/26. * * * The greed and selfishness of us farmers is of the same brand as our "money changers". We must have a fixed program, otherwise we are lost. Personally, I think the farmer is now making his "last stand", and I see nothing but woe to us if we do not grasp the psychological time which is upon us now and do it. (20651*)

- (1) Farm Buying Reported Up.
 OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 3/19. Tractors, implements in demand as good crops
 are prospect. * * * (20505*)
- (2) Farmer is Told His Salvation in Own Hands.
 RICHMOND, VA. TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 3/22. * * *(Harrisonburg, Va. AP) "The new system employed by the Federal Government in extending credit to farmers and farm organizations is far superior to the methods in force prior to the consolidation of the various lending agencies under the Farm Credit Act," Dr. B. F. Bomberger, president of the Baltimore Bank of Cooperatives, told the 14th Annual Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Convention. * * * (20497*)
- (3) Rural Areas See Upturn.
 OMAHA WORLD HERALD. I. 3/31. * * * Trade ahead year ago though watch
 skies for future trend. (Lincoln, Neb., UP) * * * (20895*)
- (4) Farm Tools Leaders To Make A Profit in First Quarter.
 WALL ST. JOURNAL. -- 3/27. * * * Case strike temporary handicap; harvester, Deere doing very well--some others in black. * * * (20896*)
- (5) Farmers Favor Amendments to Adjustment Act.
 KANSAS UNION FARMER. -- 3/21. * * * (20647*)
- (6) Heavy Industries Show Best Gains.

 BALTIMORE SUN. ID. 3/22. * * * Great improvement seen during February since depression. * * * Net gain of 200,000. * * * Jump in employment reported various surveys indicate better times are here. * * * (20897*)

News Columns - Con

- (7) Processing Tax Transfer is Due For Heavy Fight.
 DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 3/27. * * * Affected industries desire change, but Administration does not. * * * (20898*)
- (8) American Farmer No Fool, Says Irate Senator George.
 PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 3/30. * * * (20657*)
- (9) Connecticut Still Loses Under A.A.A. Policy.
 HARTFORD, CONN. COURANT. R. 3/17. Taxes continue to take out three
 times as much as benefit payments bring in. * * * (20478*)

- (1) Minnesota Governor Says A.A.A. Program Has Failed.

 WALL ST. JOURNAL. -- 3/20. * * * Olson urges substitution of policy involving governmental fixing of basic farm prices. * * * (20898*)
- (2) House Threat Now Confronts Farm Licenses.

 WASHINGTON POST. I. 4/2. * * * Lobbyists for distributors block
 approval of A.A.A. amendments. * * * (20899*)

COTTON

Editorials

- (3) New Concern for Cotton.
 ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 3/25. * * * There is reason for concern among the cotton belt statesmen for the potent factors of prospective embarrassment are beyond the seas and far removed from Federal influence. (20498*)
- (4) Japanese Textile Imports.

 MANCHESTER, N. H. UNION. IR. 3/21. * * * The President has the power to fix such a quota, and unless that power is exercised and Japanese imports continue to increase, the inevitable result will be a widespread shutting down of our mills. (20473*)

Editorial - Pro

SHREVEPORT, LA. TIMES. D. 4/2. * * * Let us suppose, for the purpose of argument, that the A.A.A. cotton crop control program is responsible for increases in foreign cotton production, even though history shows that when the price of American cotton was 20 cents a pound foreign production did not increase. * * * We do not think so. The American automobile manufacturer selling cars abroad does not increase his production and thus cheapen his product when foreign demand lags. He does not argue that his dividends should be converted into losses and his workers into peons merely to prevent increases in foreign production. * * * No other manufacturer for export does. And we know of no good reason for asking the cotton growing industry to do what other industries will not do and dare not do. It is time to realize that the cotton grower is no longer to be the "goat" in the American economic system. * * * (736653)

Editorials - Con

(6) Cotton South Seen Belatedly Awakening to Fact U. S. Policy Kills Export Movement.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. -- 4/3 * * * (20900*)

- (1) Processing Tax Backfire.
 WILKES-BARRE RECORD. R. 4/1. * * * It is becoming increasingly apparent that the tax has so raised the commodity price of the United States cotton industry that it cannot compete in the world markets and cannot hold the market it had prior to this tax. * * * (736163)
- (2) Learning the Facts.

 PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 4/1. * * * As a consequence of Secretary Wallace's rash statement last week that the cotton processing tax might be increased, some hopeful developments have occurred in the textile situation. Perhaps the most important reaction is the flood of protests that poured into Washington from all parts of the textile areas, North and South, against the uninformed and indifferent attitude of Mr. Wallace and the A.A.A. regarding the serious plight of the cotton textile industry. * * * (20901*)
- SAN JOSE, CALIF. MERCURY HERALD. R. 3/27. * * * In all probability, the South has lost permanently one of its principal lines of business upon which a considerable proportion of the population were dependent for a living. * * * The lesson of the cotton situation should not be lost on those who think Government management of business would cure our economic Ills. * * * (736159)
- (4) Trade is Held Back by Processor Tax Situation at Washington.

 NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 4/3. * * * The request for the removal of the burden of processor tax payments from the cotton industry alone is enlisting wider and more intelligent help every hour. * * * (20902*)
- (5) The Meddlers Come Offering Nothing.

 MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 3/17. Now that another flock of meddlers has come and gone, the people of the South in general and of Arkansas in particular may expect a revival of the uproar from New York about the condition of the tenant farmer and the share-cropper. * * * It is unfortunate that the people of the South must again face a period of enforced salvation by a lot of agitators who know nothing of its people, its customs, its traditions, its problems. They kept at it for 50 years and finally worked the nation up into a cruel and needless civil war, and what was worse, a crushing and humilitating reconstruction. Singularly free of them for a generation, the South came back, until today she stands as the bulwark of true Americanism. Now they are at it again. They will not prevail. (20493*)
- BALTIMORE, MD. SUN. D3/20: The cotton-goods industry is complaining that the costs are now so high that it is finding it difficult to compete even in the domestic market. * * * Instead of perpetuating these fallacies and trying to repair the damage done by adding manipulation of the tariff to manipulation of prices, it would seem wiser for the Senate and the Administration to overhaul the whole cotton program and put it on a sounder basis. (20484*)

(1) Processing Tax Must Go.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 3/29. * * * Thus while American textile exports have been declining and the imports of foreign-manufactured textiles have been increasing, the industry has increased its production until the saturation point has been reached and the warehouses are beginning to fill up with surplus products. It is not surprising that under such conditions the

textile mills of the country find themselves in a position where they must re-

duce production or shut down entirely. (20487*)

News Columns

- (2) Cotton Industry offers a Plan of Self Help.

 WALL ST. JOURNAL. -- 3/20. Asks authority to correct overproduction by spreading trade and jobs in mills. * * * (20506*)
- OALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 3/5. * * * Processing tax would be used to provide subsidy to farmers. A plan designed to stabilize America's cotton market and to raise the agricultural worker to a scale comparable with the industrial worker was presented to and heartily acclaimed by several hundred farmers, ginners and members of the Cotton Industries Employes' Assn. in the Cotton Exchange by Commissioner of Agriculture, J. E. McDonald. * * * "Measures of the Bankhead law are justifiable only as emergency activities," Mr. McDonald said. "An attempt on the part of the Government to continue for another year will cause demoralization which would be detrimental if not destructive to the A.A.A. (20479*)
- (4) Reich-Brazil Cotton Deal is Reported.

 NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 3/22. London hears orders from Britain canceled, staple resold to Germany. (London) * * * (20480*)
- (5) Reich Import Curb Applied to Cotton.

 NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 3/25. Purchases here curtailed by policy of buying from best customers. (Berlin) * * * It is admitted by the official Trade Research Institute and commented on as a fact by the trade press that Germany used the new State import-control organization in order to reduce purchases from the United States as part of the new policy of buying primarily from the best customers. To this, Germans add the United States cotton price policy and her aversion to barter deals created in the world market for foreign cotton outputs which formerly had only a limited sale outside their own countries. (20503*)
- (6) Brazilian Planters Seek International Dominion in Cotton.
 NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 4/3. * * * (20903*)
- (7) Argentina Plans Cotton Expansion for Export Trade.
 WASHINGT N, D. C. POST. I. 3/29. (Buenos Aires) * * * (20659*)

COTTON

News Columns - Con

(1) A Cotton Revolt.

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 3/29. Senator George's attack on Wallace

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 3/29. Senator George's attack on Wallace reflects a wide opinion in the South. New Dealers tremble. The closing down of textile mills, with 50,000 unemployed, stirs complaints. Attacks on processing tax endanger future program looking to farm relief. (Washington) * * * (20488*)

- (2) King Cotton's Throne Tottering, National Credit Men are Told.
 WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 3/29. U. S. policy of pegging price at 12
 cents a pound, because of Government loans at that figure, regarded as base of
 trouble. * * * (20660*)
- (3) Cotton Pegging Seen as Menace to Farmer.

 ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 3/29. * * * Unrestricted flow of international trade is the only hope of saving American cotton growers, Henry H.

 Heimann, executive manager of the Nat'l Assn. of Credit Men declared. (20486*)

CORN-HOG

Editorial

(4) Release Corn Acreage!

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 3/21. * * * A lifting of the corn restrictions would enable those farmers who have suffered the greatest losses to re-establish themselves and to return more rapidly to normal standards of living and production. That would be a benefit, also, to consumers. It would be a stimulus to the entire midwestern farm area. So remove the obstacles to farm production. Replace scarcity with abundance. Lift the restrictions on corn. (20502*)

Editorial - Pro

(5) Not All the "Little Pigs" Are Killed on Farms.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE. ID. 3/22. * * * Are we going to say that industry shall adjust itself to fluctuations of supply and demand but that agriculture must blindly drive ahead producing at full capacity regardless of the consequences to growers of unprofitable crops? The economics of killing pigs on the farms when there are hungry people in the cities and plowing under cotton when people lack sufficient clothes is assailed as something wrong. But when a factory lays off employes during a slack period, it has to "kill little pigs" — the employment which is bread and meat for its working force. (20141*)

News Column - Pro

(6) Corn-Hog Plan Wins Support of U. S. Farmers.
WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 4/2. * * * More than 850,000 have entered in contracts, check reveals. (AP Chicago) (20904*)

DAIRY

News Columns - Pro

- (1) R. I. Milk Farmers Income Gain Seen.
 PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 3/21: Last 11 months showed hump of
 \$275,550 under A.A.A. * * * (20646*)
- (2) Milk Strikers Plan to Seek U. S. Control.

 DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 3/29. * * * Will petition Government to direct milkshed unless distributors agree to raises. * * * (20905*)

LIVESTOCK

Editorials

- (3) Farmers Demand Extending Processing Tax to Include Cows, Sheep, Dairy Products.

 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. NP. 3/20. Declare corn-hog program has benefited other crops at hog raisers! expense admit system not working well. * * *

 (20481*)
- (4) Cattlemen Oppose A.A.A. Feed Plan.

 PACIFIC RURAL PRESS, SAN FRANCISCO. -- 3/16. Cattlemen of the United

 States apparently turned thumbs down on the tentative proposal to lay a general processing tax on livestock to finance an acreage control of feed grain. * * *

 Western range men, however, do not see it this way. They contend that such a program would place them in a position of being taxed for the benefit of the corn belt feed producer. * * * (20482*)

Editorial - Con

(5) Tie Him, Hand and Limb. CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 3/11. * * * Ever since cattle and pigs were listed on the roster of "basic commodities" subject to processing taxes designed to aid the farmer, the packing business and stockyards have been taking their share of sorrow. Although these industries were highly complimented by General Johnson for keeping up the level of employment to the maximum, they are now being singled out for attack by the business moralists - agricultural philosophers in Congress and, among others, legislators in Iowa. * * * Out in Iowa where much livestock business is transacted. Lt. Gov. Kraschel would place all direct buying under the supervision of a State department, in addition to the strict regulation of the Federal Government. Bonds would be required for compliance and all prices would be posted daily to prove absolute compliance. Add to these efforts, those of Secretary Wallace to make himself the license dictator over all manner of food products, and you can see what is likely to happen to the livestock markets, if these regulators get their way. They would tie the industry, one that has contributed a vast amount of employment and wages to workers and profits to farmers, so rigidly that it will be impossible to conduct a free business. (20465*)

SMALL GRAINS

Editorial - Pro

(1) Lifting of A.A.A. Restrictions on Spring Wheat Acreage Helps Northwest Buying Power.

WALL ST. JOURNAL. -- 3/27. * * * (20648*)

Editorials - Con

- PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 3/20. An increase of more than 300 per cent, in the 1934 grain imports of this country as compared with 1933 is something of which the A.A.A. has very little to say. * * * The whole farm products importation policy is but one of the instances in which two groups of New Dealers are pulling against each other. The bill is, of course, being paid by the consumer. In time, he may realize that he is at once the strongest and the least considered element in the New Dealer's dream. (20476*)
- (3) A.A.A. Bows to Nature.

 NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 3/22. In the most sweeping modification of its

 program to be made thus far, A.A.A. has lifted all restrictions on the planting

 of Spring wheat. * * * (20468*)
- (4) More Wheat Acreage.

 PROVIDENCE. R. I. JOURNAL. I. 3/22. * * * For even the A.A.A. has admitted that the domestic supply of wheat has been so reduced by crop control and drought that the surplus problem no longer exists. * * * The current situation in which the A.A.A. finds itself is not enviable. Popular dissatisfaction can be keen enough when food crops are abnormally scarce through natural causes. But such dissatisfaction can become actually bitter in spirit when the populace knows that insufficient food supplies are the direct result, in part at least, of Government restrictions imposed in pursuit of a none too wise economic program. (20475*)

MISCELLANEOUS COMMODITIES

News Column

(5) Prune Growers Charge Packers with Monopoly.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE. R. 3/24. Group appeals to State for return of old inspectors. (Sacramento AP) Santa Clara Valley prune growers took their troubles to the special Senate committee investigating distribution and marketing of agricultural products and almost monopolized a hearing that was to have been devoted to livestock. * * * (20658*)

News Columns - Pro

(6) Growing Small Fruits Booms after 20 Years.
CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 3/24. Expert cites stimulation of interest.

(Urbana, Ill.) * * * Small fruits work well in connection with chickens, a vegetable garden and even a cow. Such a combination will help greatly in making the family self-supporting. (20491*)

(1) Sugar Industry Now Brightest in Five Years.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, DENVER, COLO. I. 4/4. * * * (New York) A strong market in sugar futures in contract to weakness in other commodities is attracting considerable attention in financial circles. * * * (20906*)

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Editorials

- (1) Debt Relief Test.
 SOUTH BEND, IND. TRIBUNE. IR. 4/4. The Frazier-Lemke mortgage moratorium law has been treated more kindly than the National Industrial Recovery Act by federal judges. * * * (738842)
- (2) Second Billion.

 HARTFORD, CONN. TIMES. ID. 4/11. * * * How much longer this method of farm help is to be continued and on what scale, nobody can say. The vast experiment is still young. * * * (740239)
- WAUSAUKEE, WIS. INDEPENDENT. IR. 3/30. There is a growing feeling on the part of unpredjudiced authorities that the Federal government's farm relief program has been a relative failure, in the light of the great hopes that were held out for it when it was inaugurated. * * * Certain groups of farmers, totaling hundreds of thousands, are and have been working their way out of depression through organized cooperative action. * * * These farmers are self reliant, awake to conditions—in brief, they are individualists, cooperating with other individualists to achieve a common aim. That typifies the kind of "farm relief" that, in the long run, will really produce desirable and permanent results.(14*)
- DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 4/3. Peter Molyneaux, returning from the unofficial world economic conference at London, states there was unanimity of opinion among the experts that restoration of stability of monetary systems and commercial intercourse is the world's first need today. * * * The world will eventually get out of its troubles by doing what the economists recommend, that is, by arriving at sane monetary and trade policies. It may get there by following sound leadership, or again it may get there after a long course in the school of experience involving such disasters as monetary demoralization and military conflict. In the meantime men like Molyneaux deserve credit for lifting a voice in the wilderness. (20915*)
- (5) Familiar Faces.

 NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 4/2. Two old friends, long absent and half forgotten, have turned up again in Washington. They are Export Debenture and Equalization Fee. * * * What a strange combination it would be! A.A.A. pays bounties to farmers in order to persuade them to reduce their production. An export subsidy of one sort or another would tend to stimulate production, since farmers would have to produce a surplus over the needs of the domestic market in order to share in it. The thing does not make sense unless the real purpose is to scrap A.A.A. and launch in its place an experiment with an earlier formula of farm relief. (20924*)

- (1) No Substitute for Competition. BANGOR, ME. DAILY NEWS: 1. 4/4. * * * The attitude of the principal government economists is that recovery will come, not because of or in spite of reforms, but when some balance has been brought back into the economic machine. And they say that it will not come on a sustained basis until then. * * * But wouldn't recovery come automatically if the Government threw off the restrictions that it now imposes, and allowed business to work out its own problems? That seems to be the belief in business circles, and it seems reasonable. (20914*)
- (2) Agriculture Looks Forward. YONKERS, N.Y. RECORD. ID. 4/1. There is a growing feeling on the part of unprejudiced authorities that the Federal Government's farm relief program has been a relative failure, in the light of the great hopes that were held out for it when it was inaugurated. This feeling seems to be shared, to an extent, by high Government officials, who are planning changes in the program whereby the Government will act less in an administrative capacity and more as an advisor to the farmer. * * * (736723)

Editorials - Pro

- (3) Confidence in Farms. SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 3/29. Private money is going into farm mortgages again on an increasing scale. That is encouraging. * * * (736189)
- (4) Benefits Widespread. RENO, NEV. JOURNAL. ID. 4/4. * * * One of the big factors in restoring order has been the Farm Credit Administration, and its farm debt refinancing program alone has had far reaching effects. * * * (738840)
- (5) Aiding the South's Farm Tenants. BEAUMONT, TEX. ENTERPRISE. D. 3/27. The Bankhead bill to create the Farm Tenant Homes Corporation (S. 1800), is a lifeline thrown to Americans who live in economic bondage. * * * (736343)
- (6) Retiring Marginal Farm Land May Solve Two Problems. SPRINGFIELD, MO. PRESS. I. 4/3. * * * The land retirement idea looks like the answer to the problems. It calls for national planning in its best sense - a far-reaching, carefully devised plan to use our agricultural resources for the best interests of all the people. (737466)

- (1) Self Help Is Best Help. WEST BEND, WIS. PILOT. D. 3/21. * * * Co-operatives are the best weapons the farmer could have for fighting depression. (15*)
- (2) Farmers in a Competitive World. SPOONER, WIS. ADVOCATE. R. 3/21. In an editorial on modern agriculture, the Dairymen's League News says: "Farmers, both as sellers and as buyers of commodities, are taking their chance in the rough and tumble of competitive business. They are obliged to match themselves against other business men and other industries. Practically all other business and industry is strongly organized, and farmers cannot hope to be successful in their competition unless they are organized. The stronger their organization, the greater will be the marketing and buying power of agriculture." * * * The cooperative movement -- which is steadily gaining in scope and strength -- is the best thing that ever happened to American agriculture. (17*)
- (3) DE PERE, WIS. JOURNAL. D. 3/14. Why shouldn't farm prices be fixed above cost of production, to give as good wages to the farmers as we do to industrialists, and to give them a fair return on their invested money? This would enable the farmers to pay their interest and taxes, and have considerable left which they could spend for necessities. If we make the farmers prosperous, don't we go a long ways toward making everybody else prosperous? (18*)
- (4) "Over-Production" NAT'L. FARM JOURNAL, PHILA., PA. April 1935. It is a subject for endless argument, whether the excess of unsalable farm products during the past seven years should be called over-production or under-consumption. * * * In our opinion, there is no real distinction. They are different names for the same thing. As far as agriculture is concerned, we say that over-production is real, surpluses are real, and the only cure for them is to cut down to a point where production is no greater, or little greater, than effective demand. The hungry should be fed; the ill-clothed kept warm. But that is not the responsibility of agriculture, except as it may be the duty of the individual farmers in individual cases. It is the responsibility of the nation as a whole, and more especially the industries and trades and their social agencies. Agriculture is the goat for many things. It should not be made the goat for maladjustments in the rest of the social structure, which it can do nothing to correct, and for which it cannot possibly be blamed. (20925*)
- (5) Who Shall Dictate, SIOUX CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 4/3. * * * The Middle West's disagreement with the industrial East over tariffs always has grown out of the fact that Middle Western agriculture suffered because of lack of parity of price for what the farmer sold and what he bought. Now, through A.A.A., the Middle Western farmer is on the way to realizing parity after three generations of battling. We shall not be such fools as willingly to surrender the concessions that have been won nor permit Southern sectional interests to interfere and impose their own ideas upon us. * * * (20913*)

Editorials - Con

- (1) The Rise in Food Prices.

 MANCHESTER, N.H. UNION. IR. 3/2. * * * It seems likely that by pursuing economic abstractions, we will not only defeat our own purpose, but we will create a situation where the whole problem will be removed from out control. Eventually we may be placed at the mercy of the foreign market to supply our own needs. (13*)
- (2) A.A.A. Licensing.

 INDIANAPOLIS, IND. NEWS. IR. 4/1. * * * The A.A.A. should be amended, but not as this demand for despotic powers over the whole industry implies. It should be altered to stop the inflow of foreign products, to liberate food and other essentials from the tax and to force upon the Department a greater interest in extending the country's foreign markets. (16*)
- (3) Supply and Demand.
 ST. JOSEPH, MO. NEWS PRESS. I. 3/31. * * * Nature and the law of supply and demand were big items that didn't fit into the economic jog-saw picture designed by A.A.A. pundits. (736156)
- (4) The Processing Tax.

 HOUSTON, TEX. POST. D. 4/5. * * * The processing tax is a rather simple scheme of taking money from one class and giving it to another class, by government ukase. * * * (737470)
- (5) Man and Nature Join to Blast A.A.A. Theory.

 WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 4/3. (By Hilding Siversen) Farmers still sign up for program but consider whole program collapsing. The withdrawal of restriction on the planting of spring wheat, the effort to remove the processing tax from cotton, the flourishing nature of the fish industry, the importation of considerable quantities of foreign farm products these are some of the things that are causing thoughtful farmers of the Middle West to become uneasy about the A.A.A. * * * (20916*)
- LOS ANGELES, CALIF. TIMES. IR. 3/29. Two organizations of housewives propose a drive against high meat prices by what amounts to a boycott. It is the wrong weapon and pointed in the wrong direction, two characteristics common to virtually all boycotts. * * * The hardship which high meat prices brings, particularly to the poor, is unquestionable, but the blame needs to be placed accurately; it rests squarely upon the shoulders of the New Deal. (20919*)

News Columns

(1) Consumer 'Co-ops' Show Steady Rise.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 4/7. (By Thomas F. Conroy) * * * With indications that the 1934 sales total of \$365,000,000 will be substantially exceeded this year, the growth in volume, merchandising importance and "price dominance" of consumer cooperatives in this country is attracting an increasing amount of attention in retail circles. * * * (12*)

SOIL EROSION PREVENTION PROGRAM

Editorials

- (2) Erosion Problems.

 RENO, NEV. JOURNAL. ID. 4/5. * * At least three-fourths of the farmal land in the country used for clean-tilled crops is subject to varying degrees of erosion, the damage from which to farm lands, roads, reservoirs, irrigation canals and ditches, and valley lands is placed at more than \$400,000,000 each year. * * * (738809)
- (3) Nature's Withdrawal of Farm Lands.

 BROCKTON, MASS. ENTERPRISE. Np. 4/2. * * * Man can once more fasten the soil by seeding it to buffalo grass and again use these areas, which never were properly farm lands, for grazing. Without question the destructive dust storms are one more war penalty. (737454)
- (4) Dust Storm Havoc.
 YORK, PA. DISPATCH. IR. 4/2. * * * We shall be a long time paying for the mistakes made. It will cost a lot of money, but nature will lick us if we don't fight back with all the intelligence and resourcefulness we can command. (737024)
- (5) Soil Needs Preservation

 LAWRENCE, MASS. EAGLE. D. 4/4. * * * It is worth remembering that our tremendous agricultural resources have been the foundation of our greatness.

 The task of preserving them is one of our most vital responsibilities. (738808)
- (6) Fighting Soil Erosion.

 NEW ORLEANS, LA. TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 4/6. * * * The war against erosion will be a long one, but reports indicate that an excellent beginning has been made, and experts express their confident belief in its ultimate success.

 (737453)
- (7) A Task for Government.

 TROY, N.Y. RECORD. I. 3/30. If there is any part of the A.A.A. not subject to hostile criticism it is the proposal prompted by the Western dust storms that the Government undertake a vast soil-erosion-prevention program. *** (738538)

Editorials

(1) Long-staple Cotton.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 3/31. It is constantly becoming more generally realized that the rapidly diminishing demand for American cotton in the world market can best be overcome by the production of long-staple, high-grade cotton, which we once produced and can again. * * * * More good cotton and less poor cotton should be the slogan on every cotton farm in the South. (20922*)

(2) Why Cotton Exports Are Off.

KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 4/4. * * * It is evident enough that lack of American purchases from cotton-consuming countries abroad has been far from the sole factor in the export decline. "For the facts are that foreign countries over the period stated have been selling more goods to the United States, and thus have had more dollar exchange; they have been buying more of other American goods; and they have also bought more cotton from other countries." * * * (20912*)

Editorials - Con

- (3) New Deal Inconsistency.

 INDIAMAPOLIS STAR. IR. 4/3. * * *While the President is fishing around the world for concessions and "equality of treatment," his Secretary of Agriculture is busily at work ruining the most important factor in our export setup. The world markets formerly depended on this country for about half its cotton. Wallace has cut down our production 43 percent to raise the price at home, while Brazil, Egypt and India have stepped up production as much as 68 percent to pre-empt the place we are vacating in the world market. While the executive is trying to get export business, the A.A.A. is deliberately throwing away what we already had. (20918*)
- (4) Mr. Wallace's Attitude.

 PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 4/2. Secretary Wallace's remarks about the effect of the cotton processing tax and the possibilities of modification of the levy are morely reiteration of views that he expressed last week. Within a few hours he knew how much material and psychological damage he had done with that careless expression of a personal attitude. * * *That appeal in this instance comes with perfectly good grace because it contains a request for reconsideration of a special, selective tax that has been imposed upon a particularly distressed vast industry. It is impossible to believe that an antagonistic agricultural leader will be permitted to speak the last work for the Administration on this momentous industrial issue. (20917*)
- (5) The Processing Tax on Cotton.

 WORCESTER, MASS. TELEGRAM. R. 4/3. * * * Sec!y of Agriculture Wallace denies, and with heat, that the processing tax is injuring the cotton textile industry. But he cannot deny that the cotton textile industry is in a bad way, that it is every bit as much in need of help as are the cotton growers. And, it may be added, it is every bit as much entitled to help as are the cotton growers. * * * (739165)

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(1) Our Textiles.

HOLYOKE, MASS. TRANSCRIPT. IR. 4/5. * * *Where is the New England dotton textile industry going?, It is going under unless something is soon done to lift the burden inflicted on it by the A.A.A. processing tax, the recent alarming importation of cheaply-made Japanese goods, the unfair competition of some Southern mills. * * *This seems to have aroused New England Textile men as has few other things in recent years. * * *(739166)

(2) Two Cotton Policies.

NEW YORK SUN. IR. 4/3. While the A.A.A. at Washington persists in its policy of crop restriction and process taxing, the British Cotton Growing Corporation persists in its search within the empire for cotton fields which may be developed to make it self-sustaining in this staple. * * *To anybody not afflicted with the notion that the way to salvation is through destruction, the British system appeals. To New Dealers it means only obstinate adherence to the policy experience indorses. (20921*)

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(3) Textile Code Ruin by Imports Alleged:
NEW YORK TILES. ID. 4/5. Cotton-Textile Institute complains of inroads
from Japan, Britain and Germany. * * *(20920*)

DAIRY

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(4) A Sensible Suggestion.

WATERBURY, COIN. REPUBLICAN. IR. 4/5. * * *The State should be ready to cooperate with the Federal Government in any move that it makes to control the interstate sale of milk. (739184)

News Columns

(5) Huge Milk Profit by Dealers Bared.

N. Y. EVENING POST. IR. 4/5. Federal Trade Commission finds farmers make little on product. (Washington) * * *(375702)

Editorials

(1) Feed Crops are Important.

MINOT, N. D. NEWS. I. 3/30. * * *The nation's granaries are dangerously close to empty, and a crop under restricted acrease quite likely would not have furnished the reserves that are needed. * * *(736155)

Editorials - Con

(2) Wheat Shortage a Possibility; Meat Shortage a Certainty.
BOISE, IDAHO STATESMAN. R. 4/2. One gathers that the officials of the A.A.A. are more worried than it appears on the surface about the wheat situation.

* * *The prospect is not pleasant. We seem always to be in hot water or cold.
We have more produce than can be sold - or we have not nearly enough to meet the crying demand at a reasonable price. (736666)

SEED

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(3) Seek Seed Loans Daily.

FARGO, N. D. FORUM. IR. 4/3. With about 40 farmers a day calling at the office of the county agent for Government seed loans, only 28 application blanks have so far been received from the central office at Minneapolis. * * *(375854)

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(4) Seed Loan Protests Mounting.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. TRIBUNE. R. 3/30. 300 Firms and civic groups fight removal of Federal offices. * * *(375853)

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- (1) Farming Regions! Toll to Drought and Dust.

 EXPRESS (SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS) ID. 4/12 * * *Farmers who have been ruined by drouth and dust should be aided to take on other lines or remove to regions better adapted to annual crops. (743219)
- (2) No Reason to Give Up.

 DAILY OKLAHOMAN. ID. 4/16. * * *The recent dust storms probably have done immeasurable good in the matter of causing farmers to turn away from the one-crop, land-destroying system. They have learned their lesson. They will change their ways.

 (357*)
- (3) Anti-Japanese Tariff?
 GREENVILLE, S. C. NEWS. ID. 4/14. * * *A drastic anti-Japanese tariff would almost certainly force Japan to reduce her purchases in this country by a substantial percentage, and since we now sell far more goods to Japan than we buy from her, the result of such a development would probably be that we would lose a far greater volume of sales than we would save in curtailing our imports of cotton goods from her. * * * (740685)

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- (4) Back to the Land.

 KNICKERBOCKER PRESS (ALBANY, N.Y.) IR. 4/13. * * *There is a constructive element in the general idea which is receiving increased attention that stark idleness in the cities may need to find its solution on the land where sun, soil, and rain join to help man make a living. (743214)
- (5) A Growing Number of Farms.

 GAZET E (SCHNECETADY, N.Y.) ID. 4/15. The census report made public here a few days ago showing a marked increase in the number of farms over those in this country in 1930 bear out national conclusions.* * * (743215)
- (6) The Great God, Money.

 LINCOLN STAR. I. 4/16 * * *Let no one be deceived about the criticism from eastern quarters on relief and on the farm program. It is the cry that comes from the ghost of the same gang that plunged this country into difficulty in the '20s. Its god is money, and it worships its god to such an extent that seemingly it forgets every precept of justice and humanity. (355*)

- (1) Moving in Direction of Prosperity. may WICHITA BEACON. I. 4/16. * * *We still/have an enormous army of unemployed -- but there is undeniably a good deal more money affoat in the county than there was a year ago, and it unquestionably indicates some progress, at least, in the direction of prosperity. (356*)
- (2) Is the Farmer Better Off Today than in 1932? DETROIT LAKES, MINN. TRIBUNE. I. 4/4. It is always interesting to check over prices on farm produce, and see how they compare over a period of years. It is also interesting to find out how the farmer is getting along under the present Administration. * * *While the drought has hit many farmers, cutting down their production, a number of them have benefitted by the raise in prices. We cannot help but gather that the administration has been fairly good to the farmer. At least, he is no more the forgotten man. (342*)
- (3) Can't Be Reassured. SIOUX CITY, IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 4/16. * * *Steps should be taken immediately by friends of AAA in Congress to have the George amendment striken from the public works bill. (358*)

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(4) Work Hard-Think Hard.

MOOSE LAKE MINN. GAZETTE. R. 4/18. * * *The old saying that self-help is the only worthwhile kind of help, was never truer than in the case of modern agriculture.

(5) Farmers Object to Charity. KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 4/11. * * *If the Government were to put all AAA programs on a relief basis, thus forcing those who signed contracts to classify themselves as unable to make a living without Government aid the same resentment and lack of cooperation would be evident as is the case in securing allotments of gas and oil or feed for horses in the program to correct soil blowing. Farmers do not object to Government checks for fulfilling a contract, but do object to receiving direct aid, to which they have made no contribution, and which classifies them as incompetent or indigent. (365*)

- (1) Government in Agriculture. LANESBORO, MINN. LEADER. IR. 4/4. * * *Agriculture is getting entirely too much regulation. The farmer has been told that he should not raise more than a certain number of acres of this or that or not more than so many hogs. This raised the price of both grain and stock. Now the farmer has to buy his feed and has little or no stock to sell. Grain is coming in from foreign countries and they are reaping the benefit of an unwise policy of agricultural control.
- (2) The Mischievous AAA Amendments. PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 4/18 * * *The AAA's artificially maintained food prices have worked hardship upon millions whose income has not kept step with steadily rising food costs. AAA's authority should not be enlarged until the farm administration's future status has been clarified. More than this, un-American dictatorial powers should not be conferred upon the Secretary of Agriculture. In brief, these AAA amendments are thoroughly undesirable and should not be passed. (360*)
- (3) The AAA Achieves a Deficit. PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 4/9. * * *Going in the red for only \$155,000,000 may not appear a brilliant achievement in comparison with the impressive crimson numerals chalked up in the national debt. But give the AAA time for a few more droughts and dust-storms. It will yet prove as effective against spare cash as spare corn. (349*)

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(4) Farm Outlook Brighter but Dark Spots Linger. MILWAUKEE JOURNAL. I. 4/8. * * *

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(5) Painless Bounties. N. Y. C. TIMES. ID. 4/13. * * *The purpose of the tax, of course, is to raise funds from which bounties can be paid to those planters who reduce their acreage.* * *This is sound policy. It keeps in the foreground of public attention the cost of the whole acreage-reduction program, instead of permitting this phase of the plan to be conveniently forgotten. As long as it remains in force, the program should plainly be made self-supporting. * * * (740711)

- (1) Wallace Defends Cotton Program.

 KANSAS CITY TIMES. I. 4/17 * * *The secretary defends the processing tax, showing the lack of consistency of those who are opposed to it. He does not, however, refute the argument that the addition of 4.2 cents in tax to the average price of 11.5 cents a pound for cotton must have a tendency to reduce consumption and stimulate the use of substitutes. (352*)
- (2) What About Cotton?
 ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH. ID. 4/12 * * *The economic welfare of a large section of the country, and of many industrial workers, is boundup with the fortunes of cotton. The many-sided problem that it creates will press upon the Government at Washington for a long time to come. (328*)
- (3) The Case of Cotton Textiles.

 SPRINGFIELD (MASS.) REPUBLICAN. I. 4/13 * * *The time may be near at hand for letting these basic commodities, including raw cotton, move under their own economic power again in the price adjustments of the markets, without the Government's artificial aid. Cotton would then be in a better position to reconquer its lost world supremacy. Cotton textiles could no longer complain of processing taxes.

 (329*)
- (4) Brazil's Cotton Exports.
 BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA AGE-HERALD. ID. 4/17. * * *The South's future is dependent on regaining its foreign cotton markets.* * *A revived flow of world trade is essential to the restoration of general prosperity.* * * (741938)
- (5) Cotton And World Markets.

 HOUSTON, TEXAS POST. D. 4/11. * * *Retention of our foreign markets, in
 so far as the South is concerned, is necessary for permanent prosperity. This,
 on the assumption, of course, that the South will continue to grow cotton. * *

 (740691)
- (6) Cotton Crisis.

 BOSTON DAILY GLOBE. I. 4/15. * * *There is the necessity of treating a question of foreign trade in such a way that it will increase rather than diminish the sum total of the country's foreign commerce. And there is the problem of attaining and then maintaining an economic equality between the industrial workers and the farmers. Successful treatment will be of the matter in hand as a part of the whole economic question. (340*)

- (1) Tinkering With The Process Tax. NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA PILOT. ID. 4/13 * * There is no dispute about the increasing seriousness of the plight of the cotton mills. Their spokesmen have exaggerated some dangers, notably the threat of Japanese importations, which may become disastrous in the future but are a minor item in American consumption now. The shut-downs in New England and the reduction of hours everywhere is, nevertheless, a disturbing fact. It may require the overhauling of the entire cotton program. But it is going far to argue that taking the processing tax off the industry and placing it on the Federal Treasury is either a just or a fair shift of the burden, or even if it were, that it would solve the cotton problem. The problem is far larger and more complex. * * *(741911)
- (2) Half Truths. DURHAM N.C. HERALD-SUN. I. 4/14. * * *What we are saying is that at the moment Japan is our best customer in the buying of raw cotton and just as surely as we move to shut out Japanese textiles Japan will move to get raw cotton elsewhere. * * * (740686)
- Japan And Cotton. RALEIGH N.C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 4/16. * * *We have with Japan not only a favorable trade balance, but we have to acknowledge the possibility that but for her purchases, our farmers might be getting less for their cotton than they are. * * *To get into trouble with Japan would be to cut ourselves off from our biggest cotton customer.* * * (741930)
- (4) On the Wrong Track. WASHINGTON D.C. POST. I. 4/13. * * *The Administration is being urged by representatives of the cotton textile industry to place cotton cloth from Japan upon a quota basis. As is often the case, the temptation is strong to blame other countries for industrial distress that is largely of our own making. The Japanese have undoubtedly been rapidly increasing their sales of certain kinds of cotton cloth to the United States. But, despite the marked percentage increase in such imports, they constitute a negligible proportion of our domestic output of cotton cloth.* * *Since Japan is a heavy buyer of American cotton, the imposition of quotas upon Japanese cotton goods might mean that our farmers would lose more than our textile manufacturers would gain by such action.* * * (740687)

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(1) Unenlightened Selfishness. RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 4/14. * * *Cotton mills may not be having a good time, but when they succeed in re-destroying the buying power of the American farmers they will be so much worse off that their present difficulties will seem blessed times by comparison. (327*)

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- (2) A Lawful Tax? BOSTON HEARLD. R. 4/13. * * *It is seldom that the cotton manufacturers agree on any major policy, or when they do agree, live up to their promises. The fact that they now advocate almost unanimously the removal of the process-(343*) ing tax carries its own implication.
- (3) Overplayed Their Hand. SIOUX CITY IOWA TRIBUNE. I. 4/16. * * *Meantime, let it be pointed out, processors are not suffering. The packers, the millers and others who have their plant capacity geared to consumptive demands have prospered under AAA. We admit that textile are not prosperous. But their case is different. The textile industry is so overcapitalized and overmachined that it has no moral right to ask the American people to pay it a profit on its present establishment

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- (4) The South Aroused. PROVIDENCE (R.I.) JOURNAL. I. 4/17. * * *The Administration's cotton processing tax, which Mr. Wallace has chosen warmly to defend, obviously throws raw cotton prices sharply out of line as regards both the general price level and the price level of competing goods.
- (5) Cotton Industry's Alarming Crisis. PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 4/18. * * *The management of AAA has no idea of retreating. It is asking for even more power, and a bewildered Congress must make up its mind what to do about it. Such is the situation into which the New Dealers of AAA have led the country. If they are not in a state of confusion, they are giving a pretty good imitation of it. (353*)

- (1) The Processing Tax.

 BOSTON HERALD. R. 4/17 * * *Whatever the theories of mill owners may have been about the regimentation of industry by Washington, they are now wholly agreed that only the Federal Government can affect a rescue. If the President absolutely refuses to lend a hand, or defers action too long, New England may be forced to resort to blunt weapons of self-defense. (351*)
- (2) Gagging Cn Cotton.

 PEORIA ILLINOIS TRANSCRIPT. I. 14/9. * * *Unless the administration finds some way of regaining the foreign markets for the South, cotton growing will have to be put on a domestic basis and that would mean that about five million workers would join the ranks of the unemployed in the South.* * * (741260)
- (3) Nobody Wants It.

 WASHINGTON POST. I. 4/12. Growers of cotton and manufacturers of cotton goods do not always see eye to eye. The former want to obtain the highest possible prices for their crop. The latter believe that their own advantage lies in buying raw materials at the lowest possible prices.* * *Neither the NRA nor the AAA can look with pride upon the upshot of their plans to restore prosperity to all branches of the cotton industry by raising the prices of raw materials and finished products, without assurance of market outlets to absorb these high-priced commodities. (361*)
- PROVIDENCE (R.I.) JOURNAL. I. 4/15. * * *The cotton textile industry will probably take the question to Congress and it may do something to relieve the situation. The singular thing about it is that many Southerners want this cotton processing tax changed also. They plainly see they are losing their foreign market, which they may never be able to win back again. (346*)
- (5) The Textile Problem.

 MANCHESTER (N. HAMPSHIRE) UNION. IR. 4/17. * * *The processing tax is driving thousands out of jobs or shortening their hours of work and their incomes so that the future will become increasingly black. Is there no redress? (350*)
- (6) Supplying an Issue.

 NEWS (QUINCY MASS.) I. 4/12. * * *The textile industry is forced to bear a burden which does no one any good and is required to face a rapidly disappearing domestic market and withering competition from foreign nations which are supplied with cheap cotton and cheap labor. (742291)

(1) Hell on Earth.

NEW YORK EVENING POST. IR. 4/22. The Post has just concluded a series of four articles by Erskine Caldwell on conditions in Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama.

* * *But, at the very least, officials of the AAA should see to .it that their policies do not aggravate an already frightful condition. An official report on the status of the Southern tenant farmer was suppressed by the AAA last month. We challenge Secretary Wallace to make it public. (743656)

- (2) The Cotton Loan Decision.

 WALL STREET JOURNAL (N.Y.) 4/18. * * *The present confusion over the loan plan again shows how unfortunate efforts at a controlled economy can be when political considerations are permitted to obtrude so markedly in the working out of control policies. (742283)
- (3) Cotton is King.

 SPOKESMAN REVIEW (SPOKANE, WASH.) IR. 4/11. * * *Fear deepens in the South and New England that if cotton is king, the monarch is sick unto death. (742282)
- (4) The Processing Tax.
 LOWELL MASS. SUN. D. 4/12. * * *There seems to be little doubt but what the processing tax, if continued, will sound the death knell of New England as an industrial center. * * * (741917)
- (5) Cotton Industry's Alarming Crisis.

 PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER. I. 4/18. * * *A great industry is at stake. New England and other Northern textile mills are demanding relief, and Southern mills are feeling the depression anew. Because of the high price of the raw material and the added processing tax, domestic consumption has fallen off. * * *The tempest is growing into such proportions that it cannot escape the serious attention of Congress.* * * (741906)
- (6) Drop the Processing Taxes.

 SYRACUSE N.Y. POST-STANDARD. R. 4/12. * * *There is nothing sound or wise about the A.A.A. processing taxes and they should be abandoned.* * * (741242)
- (7) What of the Cotton Policy?

 NEW YORK WALL STREET JOURNAL. 4/17. * * *The present policy, if much longer continued, will work irreparable injury to the producers and to that large section of the country that depends upon cotton.* * * (741237)

- (1) The Cotton Revolt.

 WASHINGTON STAR. I. 4/13. * * * It does cotton farmers little good, in the long run, to restrict their crops if their markets are to be restricted too.

 * * *The processing tax on cotton, which is laid upon the manufacture of textiles and eventually must be reflected in the prices charged for cotton goods, is the immediate point of attack.* * *With the price of the raw material up and processing tax resting upon the industry the mill operators have been caught between two stones. They see Japanese cotton cloth coming into this country in hitherto unheard of quantities and their markets falling off in this country and abroad.

 (330*)
- Twelve-Cent Cotton.

 DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 4/13. Palliatives and artificial restrictions once begun are difficult to get rid of.* * *The ills of cotton should be corrected from within, through practice of better farming, cessation of raising this crop at the expense of food and feed, lowering cost of production and rebuilding the soil and ultimate home ownership.

 (339*)
- (3) A New England Plea.

 BIRMINGHAM AGE HERALD. ID. 4/15. * * *As for the equalization of mill wages in North and South, the strenuous opposition which any endeavors to that end will meet from this section will certainly delay for a long time the realization of such a hope. There can be little doubt of the distress of the textile manufacturers. But, as Secretary Wallace said after the Washington meeting, they have offered no solution. (338*)
- (4) The Cotton Crisis.

 NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. I. 4/16. The crisis toward which the Administration's cotton program is now shaping threatens to be not only the most serious in the history of the A.A.A., but one of the most serious with which the Administration itself has yet been confronted. It is serious because of its extraordinary ramifications throughout the political as well as the economic structure; and it is serious because there is no issue from it.* * *There were advanced only panaceas which were to solve everything at no pain to any one; they have not worked, and in failing to work they have inordinately complicated an issue which at bottom they could never have helped. (331*)
- (5) Blow at New England.

 PROVIDENCE (R.I.) JOURNAL. I. 4/15. * * *Vastly more unemployment is being created than can be eliminated by the public works programme, great as it is.

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- (1) A.A.A. Piles Misery on Sharecroppers.
 N. Y. C. TIMES. ID. 5/15. * * * 'Red Scare' in Arkansas and masked riders block their efforts to unionize. * * * (383438)
- (2) Wallace tries to Arouse Sectionalism.

 TELEGRAM (LAWRENCE MASS.) R. 5/15. * * * New England should never cease its

 fight against this unjust tax upon our industries, and against these childish

 attempts to arraign one section of the country against another. In taking

 that attitude, Secretary Wallace has selected the position of one who tries to

 start revolution in our country. Is he the proper man to occupy any position

 in an American cabinet? (743648)
- (3) A Yellow Economic Peril.

 DAVENPORT, IOWA TIMES. IR. 4/15. * * * The textile industry now finds itself powerless to thwart the inroads of Nippon at home. * * * Our American textile workers cannot and should not be brought to the low level of the rice eaters.

 * * * (742310)
- (4) Apt to be Overlooked.

 MANCHESTER, N. H. UNION. IR. 4/16. * * * Japanese imports, made by cheap
 labor and cheap manufacture, may not constitute a large percentage of domestic
 production, they will nonetheless have a depressing effect upon prices. * * *

 (741935)

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- (5) Urban-Rural Cooperation Vital to Success of N. E.

 MANCHESTER, N. H. UNION. IR. 4/9. * * * Hard times in the cities of New

 England means hard times for New England farmers, for New England people consume most of the agricultural products produced in New England. * * * (333*)
- (6) Brazil's Cotton Exports Expand. PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 4/16. * * * (347*)

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(7) South Lines Up Against Cotton Processing Tax.
PROVIDENCE, R. I. JOURNAL. I. 4/16. * * * Governor Talmadge declares Administration 'Radical'; demands levy's repeal. * * * (385370)

- (1) Asks All Join to Save Cotton.

 LOWELL, MASS. COURIER-CITIZEN. NP. * * * Representative Rogers calls on

 President to use powers to abolish processing tax and curb Japanese imports—

 declares South as well as New England threatened. * * * (383432)
- (2) Great Gain in Japan Trade Menaces U.S.

 WASHINGTON HERALD. I. 4/11. South America hit as invasion of goods flows unabated. "Wake up, America!" Alarmed over huge inroads which Japanese goods are making in the markets of America and the world in commercial expansion unparalleled in modern trade, Los Angeles merchants and manufacturers today joined in this cry of warning. Local manufacturers of cotton goods articles particularly are watching with apprehension the ruinous assault of cotton textiles on the domestic market. * * * (334*)
- (3) America is Slipping as Cotton Producer.

 MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 4/12. (Arthur Hachten of Universal Service)

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- (4) Slavery Back in Cotton Land.
 PHILADELPHIA, PA. RECORD. I. 4/17. Tenant Farmer is Virtual Serf under system dominated by landowner. * * * (345*)
- (5) N. E. Textile Men Continue Agitation to Save Industry.
 BOSTON DAILY GLOBE. I. 4/13. * * * (332*)

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(6) Bacon Becoming a Luxury.

ST. LOUIS GLORE-DEMOCRAT. I. 4/11. * * * It is discouraging to note that breakfast bacon is becoming a thing of the past, too costly for anybody except kings and millionaires, while the A.A.A. goes ahead with its plans to curtail production of live stock. (363*)

(1) "A Few Cents" Is It?

BANGOR DAILY NEWS. I. 4/11. * * * This is plenty to show that the A.A.A. officials don't know what they are talking about—or don't care. "A few cents a pound on pork products"! Is more than 100 per cent increase at retail a mere trifle with the A.A.A.? Those bureaucrats are so far removed from the common lot that they have no idea of how the poor live—or exist. Probably none of them ever bought a cotton shirt or a pair of overalls. (362*)

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(2) The Tobacco Case Decision.

FARGO, N.D. FORUM. IR. 4/18. * * * The number of adverse New Deal decisions in the lower Federal courts shows the importance of having the questions at issue speedily brought before the Supreme Court. (743667)

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- (3) The Wheat Must Be Grown.
 ST. PAUL, MINN. DISPATCH. I. 4/15. * * * Whatever uncertainty has been created by the McCarl objections, the spring wheat people should not be penalized. * * * (743212)
- (4) Retreat From The Prairies.

 WASHINGTON POST. I. 4/12. * * * Another short wheat crop is in prospect.

 In some counties a large portion of the acreage has been abandoned. Conditions of the last few days suggest even a more acute shortage than is anticipated in the current crop forecast of the Department of Agriculture. Instead of recapturing some of our foreign markets, the wheat crop may be insufficient to meet domestic needs. In face of this situation the curtailment efforts of the A.A.A., representing a casual adventure in "planning" add piteous irony to a major national tragedy. (364*)
- (5) Melancholy Western Records.

 SYRACUSE, N. Y. HERALD. I. 4/15. * * * The mighty grain-growing West and Southwest have been the incomparable sufferers from nature's unkindness and human shortsightedness. (743218)

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